

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERFORMANCE OF
COUNCILS—PRESCRIBED CRITERIA) REGULATIONS 1996**

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REGULATIONS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1934

*Local Government (Performance of Councils—Prescribed Criteria)
Regulations 1996*

being

No. 77 of 1996: *Gaz.* 23 May 1996, p. 2579¹

¹ Came into operation 23 May 1996: reg. 2.

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the *Local Government (Performance of Councils—Prescribed Criteria) Regulations 1996*.

Commencement

2. These regulations will come into operation on the day on which they are made.

Interpretation

3. In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

"Act" means the *Local Government Act 1934*.

Prescription of criteria

4. (1) Pursuant to section 17 of the Act, the following criteria are prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1)(c) of that section:

- (a) *Governance*— the capacity of the council to represent and serve the public interests of the community through its elected members and their advocacy role, and the use of community consultation and social development strategies;
- (b) *Financial*— the current and potential financial viability of the council with particular reference to growth potential, debt levels, revenue capacity, infrastructure maintenance, rating capacity, service provision costs, ability to attract and manage grant funding from State and Commonwealth agencies and appropriate administrative costs;
- (c) *Service Provision and Delivery*— the capacity of the council to meet the service provision needs of the community in an efficient and effective manner;
- (d) *Environment*— the capacity of the council to meet its statutory and potential community service obligations on matters relevant to the environment;
- (e) *Economic Development*— the capacity of the council to identify and contribute to the economic development potential of its region and community expectations in its local area, including infrastructure provision and maintenance, and participation on economic development authorities;
- (f) *Statutory*— the capacity of the council to meet statutory responsibilities, particularly in areas such as health, development, roads and traffic management;
- (g) *Management*— the capacity of management to efficiently and effectively support the council in its governance role, the structures within the council, and the capacity of management to provide leadership and to achieve agreed outcomes.

(2) These criteria will be applied having due regard to the particular features of the council, particularly including its local demography, geography and economy.