

Legislative Council—No 33

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South Australia

**Local Government (Role of Council) Amendment
Bill 2026**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Local Government Act 1999*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Local Government (Role of Council) Amendment Act 2026*.

2—Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it is assented to by, or on behalf of, the Crown.

Part 2—Amendment of *Local Government Act 1999*

3—Amendment of section 6—Principal role of a council

- (1) Section 6, heading—delete "Principal role" and substitute:
Role
- (2) Section 6(d)—after "wider community" insert:
to the extent that those interests relate to matters that are within the ambit of a council's responsibilities
- (3) Section 6—after its present contents as amended by this section (now to be designated as subsection (1)) insert:
 - (2) It is not the role of a council to consider matters that fall outside the ambit of a council's responsibilities under this or any other Act.

4—Amendment of section 8—Principles to be observed by council

- (1) Section 8(c)—after "objectives" insert:
, where the council considers that such participation would have a direct and tangible benefit to ratepayers of the council
- (2) Section 8(d)—before "give" insert:
subject to subsection (2),

- (3) Section 8(e)—after "delivery of" insert:

council

- (4) Section 8—after its present contents as amended by this section (now to be designated as subsection (1)) insert:

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- (2) A council need only give weight to the objectives and strategies referred to in subsection (1)(d) in the council's plans, policies and activities if the council considers that to do so would have a direct and tangible benefit to ratepayers of the council.