



Local government advice scheme Schedule of Councils

On 30 April 2022, amendments to the *Local Government Act 1999* established an advisory scheme for local councils. The aim of the scheme is to give ratepayers confidence that the rates they pay are set at the level necessary for their council to provide the services they value. The Essential Services Commission (**Commission**) is the advisory body. The State's 68 councils are subject to the scheme.

To implement the first cycle of the scheme, all councils have been allocated into a relevant scheme year over a four-year prescribed period. The Schedule of Councils for the local government advice scheme, starting in 2022-23 and ending in 2025-26, is in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Schedule of Councils

2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Urban Development & Urban City Centre			
Burnside	Marion	Adelaide	Holdfast Bay
Prospect	Mitcham	Campbelltown	Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
Salisbury	Walkerville	Charles Sturt	Port Adelaide Enfield
West Torrens		Gawler	Tea Tree Gully
		Unley	
Urban Fringe			
Adelaide Hills	Onkaparinga	Alexandrina	Barossa
	Playford		
Urban Regional			
Murray Bridge	Roxby Downs	Mount Barker	Coober Pedy
Port Lincoln	Victor Harbor	Mount Gambier	Port Augusta
	Whyalla		

2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Rural Agricultural: Small & Medium			
Barunga West	Karoonda East Murray	Elliston	Ceduna
Goyder	Kimba	Flinders Ranges	Mount Remarkable
Kingston	Northern Areas	Orroroo Carrieton	Peterborough
	Robe	Tumby Bay	Southern Mallee
	Cleve ¹	Wudinna	Streaky Bay
			Franklin Harbour ²
Rural Agricultural: Large & Very Large			
Adelaide Plains	Clare & Gilbert Valleys	Coorong	Berri Barmera
Mid Murray	Grant	Loxton Waikerie	Copper Coast
Wattle Range	Light	Port Pirie	Kangaroo Island
Yankalilla	Lower Eyre Peninsula	Tatiara	Naracoorte Lucindale
Yorke Peninsula		Renmark Paringa ³	Wakefield

Further Information

The initial four-yearly Schedule of Councils (2022-23 to 2025-26) came into effect on 30 April 2022. It has been set based on existing local government classifications.

For information on the methodology used to arrive at the Schedule of Councils, refer to [Schedule for the scheme \(2022-23 to 2025-26\)](#), available on the Commission's website.

Information on the Commission's Framework and Approach is available at:

- escosa.sa.gov.au/advice/guidance-on-local-government.

For questions on the local government advice scheme or this fact sheet, please email:

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¹ The District Council of Cleve has been reallocated to year two of the scheme, to allow the council to focus on unavoidable repairs to its road infrastructure in 2022-23 resulting from a severe storm disaster that impacted 70 percent of its road network.

² The District Council of Franklin Harbour has been reallocated to year four of the scheme, to allow the council to focus on unavoidable repairs to its road infrastructure in 2022-23 and 2023-24 resulting from Cyclone Tiffany.

³ The Renmark Paringa Council has been reallocated to year four of the scheme, to allow the council more time to address the significant operational impacts arising from the recent Murray River flood event.