



## Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2022

The State Government has introduced new provisions to enable Western Australian local governments to continue to conduct council meetings electronically.

As part of the State Government's package of local government reforms, the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (Regulations) have been amended to enable local governments to continue to conduct council and committee meetings electronically outside of emergency situations.

From 9 November 2022, the new provisions will:

- Enable councils to hold up to half of all council meetings by electronic means in a 12-month period.
- Provide for council members to, with the approval of the mayor, shire president, or majority of the council, attend a council meeting by electronic means.

In light of these amendments, local governments should maintain a record of electronic meetings held, and each individual council member's attendance by electronic means at in-person meetings.

The regulatory amendments will be reviewed after a 12-month period.

Council Meeting dates	Councillors who attended using electronic means
17 November 2022	Cr J Carmody and Cr R Prentice
8 December 2022	Cr J Carmody
16 February 2023	Cr G Buckmaster
16 March 2023	Cr J Carmody and Cr R Wedge
20 April 2023	Cr R Wedge
18 May 2023	Cr J Carmody and Cr R Prentice
15 June 2023	
July 2023	Cr G Buckmaster
18 August 2023	
14 September 2023	
19 October 2023	Cr J Carmody
16 November 2023	Cr R Wedge
15 February 2024	Cr R Wedge and Cr S Weldon