

# Local Government audit update — July 2021

#### Local Government reports tabled within the previous 6 months

| Торіс   | Overview  | Status    | Tabled       | Agency(ies)  | Link   |
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| Responses to<br>Performance Audit<br>Recommendations:<br>Annual Status Update | Audit conducted this annual review to monitor<br>how the agencies VAGO audits addressed their<br>findings.<br>Most agencies reported that they continue to<br>accept and act on VAGO recommendations. We<br>found that 63 per cent of all recommendations<br>were completed as at 31 March 2021. Further,<br>agencies took a median time of 13 months to<br>complete them.<br>However, 72 unresolved recommendations are<br>more than three years old in 27 agencies across<br>28 audits. It is unclear whether risks relating to<br>these have been mitigated by other means or<br>remain unmanaged. | Completed | 23 June 2021 | 102 public sector agencies and Victorian local councils including: | https://www.audit.vi<br>c.gov.au/report/resp<br>onses-performance-<br>audit-<br>recommendations-<br>annual-status-update |

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|                     |   |           |              | <ul> <li>DELWP, Alpine Shire Council, Bulok<br/>Shire Council, City of Boroondara,<br/>Eastern Regional Libraries<br/>Corporation, Bayside City Council,<br/>City of Wodonga, Indigo Shire<br/>Council, Moira Shire Council,<br/>Wyndham City Council, Greater<br/>Shepparton City Council, Greater<br/>Shepparton City Council, Greater<br/>Shepparton City Council, City of<br/>Darebin, Colac Otway Shire Council<br/>Hindmarsh Shire Council, Mildura<br/>Rural City Council, Nillumbik Shire<br/>Council, City of Ballarat, Benalla<br/>Rural City Council, City of Kingston<br/>City of Stonnington, Glen Eira City<br/>Council, Municipal Association of<br/>Victoria, Pyrenees Shire Council,<br/>Yarra City Council, Mornington<br/>Peninsula Shire Council, Baw Baw<br/>Shire Council, Borough of<br/>Queenscliff, City of Casey, Horshan<br/>Rural City Council, Moonee Valley<br/>City Council, City of Melbourne, Ea<br/>Gippsland Shire Council, Hume Citt<br/>Council, Whitehorse City Council,<br/>Bass Coast Shire Council, Loddon<br/>Shire Council, Melton City Council,<br/>Southern Grampians Shire Council</li> </ul> | I,<br>,<br>n<br>st<br>y  |
| Annual Plan 2021–22 | The Victorian Auditor-General's Annual Plan<br>2021–22 was prepared pursuant to the<br>requirements of section 73 of the Audit Act 1994<br>and tabled in the Parliament of Victoria on 10<br>June 2021. | Completed | 10 June 2021 | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land<br/>Water and Planning</li> <li>Department of Education and<br/>Training</li> </ul>  | , <u>https://www.audit.vi</u><br><u>c.gov.au/report/annu</u><br><u>al-plan-2021-22</u> |

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|  |   |           |             | <ul> <li>Department of Families, Fairness<br/>and Housing</li> <li>Department of Health</li> <li>Department of Justice and<br/>Community Safety</li> <li>Department of Transport</li> <li>Department of Premier and Cabinet</li> <li>Department of Treasury and Finance</li> <li>Local councils in Victoria</li> </ul>   |  |
| Measuring and<br>Reporting on Service<br>Delivery        | <ul> <li>Audit examined if departments:</li> <li>meet their responsibilities to measure and report on performance in compliance with DTF's Resource Management Framework (the Framework)</li> <li>ensure their performance information is accurate</li> <li>report their performance information in a way that users can readily understand.</li> </ul> | Completed | 26 May 2021 | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land,<br/>Water and Planning</li> <li>Department of Education and<br/>Training</li> <li>Department of Families, Fairness<br/>and Housing</li> <li>Department of Health</li> <li>Department of Justice and<br/>Community Safety</li> <li>Department of Jobs, Precincts and<br/>Regions</li> <li>Department of Transport</li> <li>Department of Premier and Cabinet</li> <li>Department of Treasury and Finance</li> <li>Local councils in Victoria</li> </ul> | https://www.audit.vi<br>c.gov.au/report/meas<br>uring-and-reporting-<br>service-delivery               |
| Implementing a New<br>Infringements<br>Management System | Audit examined whether the rollout of the new infringement system was effective and cost efficient.   | Completed | 5 May 2021  | <ul> <li>Department of Justice and<br/>Community Safety</li> <li>Department of Treasury and Finance</li> <li>Fines Victoria</li> </ul>   | https://www.audit.vi<br>c.gov.au/report/impl<br>ementing-a-new-<br>infringements-<br>management-system |

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|   | *This report did not include Local Councils but<br>drew on the work of the Fines Reform Advisory<br>Board who consulted with them about revenue<br>lost through inability to collect fines revenue<br>through Fines Victoria   |           |               |  |   |
| Service Victoria—<br>Digital Delivery of<br>Government Services | Audit examined the implementation of Service<br>Victoria (SV), the Department of Premier and<br>Cabinet (DPC)'s oversight of it, and the benefits<br>SV is delivering.   | Completed | 18 March 2021 | <ul><li>Service Victoria</li><li>Department of Premier and Cabinet</li></ul>   | https://www.audit.vi<br>c.gov.au/report/servi<br>ce-victoria-digital-<br>delivery-government- |
|   | *This report will not include Local Councils but<br>contains contents concerning Local Government<br>operations.   |           |               |  | <u>services</u>   |
| Maintaining local<br>roads                                      | Audit examined whether councils use asset data,<br>budget information and community feedback to<br>inform their planning for road maintenance. A<br>detailed dashboard is also published from the<br>public and individual reports for each one of the<br>79 councils, comparing their results against their<br>cohort and state averages.   | Completed | 17 March 2021 | <ul> <li>Gannawarra Shire Council</li> <li>Greater Bendigo City Council</li> <li>Maribyrnong City Council</li> <li>Northern Grampians Shire Council</li> <li>Yarra Ranges Shire Council</li> </ul> | https://www.audit.vi<br>c.gov.au/report/main<br>taining-local-roads                           |
| Results of 2019–20<br>audits: Local<br>government               | This report outlines the results and observations<br>from financial audits of the LG entities for the<br>year ended 30 June 2020. An LG data dashboard<br>is also published, making publicly available all the<br>data used in the report to generate the analysis,<br>benchmarking information and financial<br>sustainability assessments. | Completed | 17 March 2021 | • All Councils   | https://www.audit.vi<br>c.gov.au/report/resul<br>ts-2019-20-audits-<br>local-government       |

Planned and in progress Local Government reports

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| Council waste<br>management<br>services                 | To determine whether councils' waste<br>management services are achieving<br>value for money.  | In Progress | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Ballarat City Council</li> <li>Bayside City Council</li> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Grampians Central West Waste and Resource<br/>Recovery Group</li> <li>Greater Dandenong City Council</li> <li>Melbourne City Council</li> <li>Metropolitan Waste Resource and Recovery Group</li> <li>Sustainability Victoria</li> </ul> | N/A  |
| Supplying and using recycled water                      | To determine whether responsible<br>agencies are increasing the use of<br>recycled water to meet future water<br>demand.                                     | In Progress | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Environmental Protection Authority Victoria</li> <li>Barwon Water</li> <li>City of Greater Geelong</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/supply-and-use-<br>alternative-urban-<br>water-sources |
| Fraud control over<br>local government<br>grants        | To determine whether fraud and<br>corruption controls over grants in local<br>government are well designed and<br>operating as intended.                     | In Progress | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Hume City Council</li> <li>Knox City Council</li> <li>Loddon Shire Council</li> <li>Southern Grampians Shire Council</li> <li>West Wimmera Shire Council</li> </ul>  | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/fraud-control-<br>over-grants-local-<br>government     |
| Offsetting native<br>vegetation loss on<br>private land | To determine whether government is<br>achieving its policy objective of no net<br>loss to biodiversity as a result of<br>permitted clearing on private land. | Planned     | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Trust for Nature</li> <li>Baw Baw Shire Council</li> <li>Campaspe Shire Council</li> <li>Nillumbik Shire Council</li> <li>Yarra Ranges Shire Council</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/offsetting-<br>native-vegetation-<br>loss-private-land |

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| Effectiveness of the<br>Enhanced Maternal<br>and Child Health<br>Program | To determine whether the Enhanced<br>Maternal and Child Health (EMCH)<br>Program leads to improved access,<br>participation, and outcomes for<br>vulnerable children and their families<br>targeted by the program. | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Health and Human Services</li> <li>Department of Education and Training</li> <li>Municipal Association of Victoria</li> <li>City of Casey</li> <li>Hobsons Bay City Council</li> <li>Mildura Rural City Council</li> <li>South Gippsland Shire Council</li> <li>Yarra City Council</li> </ul> | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/effectiveness-<br>enhanced-<br>maternal-and-<br>child-health-<br>program |
| Implementing Plan<br>Melbourne 2017-50                                   | To determine the extent to which<br>implementation of Plan Melbourne<br>2017–50 is supporting productivity,<br>sustainability and liveability.  | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions</li> <li>Maroondah City Council</li> <li>Moonee Valley City Council</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/implementing-<br>plan-melbourne-<br>2017-50                              |
| Fraud and corruption<br>risk in local<br>government<br>procurement       | To determine whether fraud and<br>corruption controls over local<br>government procurement are well-<br>designed and operate as intended.   | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Banyule City Council</li> <li>Hepburn Shire Council</li> <li>Municipal Association of Victoria</li> <li>Mitchell Shire Council</li> <li>Nillumbik Shire Council</li> <li>Wodonga Regional City Council</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/fraud-and-<br>corruption-risk-<br>local-government-<br>procurement       |
| Developing<br>Fishermans Bend  | To determine whether planning and<br>early development of Fishermans Bend<br>supports the delivery of the<br>development's objectives.  | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Development Victoria</li> <li>Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions</li> <li>Melbourne City Council</li> <li>Port Phillip City Council</li> </ul>  | <u>https://www.audi</u><br><u>t.vic.gov.au/repor</u><br><u>t/developing-</u><br><u>fishermans-bend</u>               |

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| Road congestion and public transport                               | To determine whether investments and interventions are reducing congestion impacts for road-network users.  | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Transport</li> <li>Yarra Trams</li> <li>Selected bus operators.</li> <li>Possibly Selected local councils</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/road-<br>congestion-and-<br>public-transport                       |
| Regulation of council<br>building approvals in<br>local government | To determine whether council regulation<br>of building activity ensures that safety<br>and amenity requirements are met, and<br>council assets are protected. | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Manningham City Council</li> <li>Monash City Council</li> <li>Surf Coast Shire Council</li> <li>Wangaratta Rural City Council</li> <li>Wyndham City Council</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/regulation-<br>council-building-<br>approvals-local-<br>government |
| Managing land-use<br>buffers                                       | To determine whether the management<br>of land-use buffers is promoting public<br>health, safety and liveability.   | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Environment Protection Authority Victoria</li> <li>Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group</li> <li>City of Greater Dandenong</li> <li>City of Kingston</li> </ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/managing-land-<br>use-buffers                                      |
| Hazardous waste<br>management                                      | To determine whether responsible<br>agencies' control and regulation of<br>hazardous waste has reduced<br>inappropriate disposal.                             | Planned | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment, Land, Water and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Environment Protection Authority Victoria</li> <li>Maribyrnong City Council</li> <li>Metropolitan Waste Resource Recovery Group</li> <li>Sustainability Victoria</li> <li>Whittlesea City Council</li> <li>WorkSafe Victoria</li> </ul> | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/hazardous-<br>waste-<br>management-0                               |
| Food safety<br>regulation in local<br>government                   | To determine whether councils'<br>administration of food safety regulation<br>ensures legislative compliance and<br>supports public health.                   | Planned | 2023-24          | <ul><li>Department of Health and Human Services</li><li>A selection of local councils</li></ul>   | https://www.audi<br>t.vic.gov.au/repor<br>t/food-safety-<br>regulation-local-<br>government                    |

# Other Integrity and Local Government Related Bodies update — July 2021

| Local Government | reports prepared | within the | previous 6 months |
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| Торіс   | Overview  | Status    | Published     | Link   |
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| Victorian Ombudsman   |   |           |               |  |
| Investigation into Melton City<br>Council's engagement of IT<br>company, MK Datanet Pty Ltd | The Victorian Ombudsman investigation found that a well-<br>paid council IT contract worker directed \$1.6 million of<br>ratepayers' money into one of his own companies as lax<br>oversight allowed him to manipulate processes. Following<br>the investigation, the Ombudsman has recommended the<br>issues be raised with Victoria Police and the Australian<br>Securities and Investments Commission.                         | Completed | 9 June 2021   | https://www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au/our<br>-impact/investigation-<br>reports/investigation-into-melton-city-<br>councils-engagement-of-it-company-mk-<br>datanet-pty-ltd/ |
| Investigation into how local councils respond to ratepayers in financial hardship           | In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Victorian Ombudsman<br>investigated how Victoria's 79 local councils are responding<br>to ratepayers in financial hardship. The investigation focused<br>on council hardship relief for homeowners (ratepayers who<br>cannot pay rates on their primary residence).  | Completed | 5 May 2021    | https://www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au/our<br>-impact/investigation-<br>reports/investigation-into-how-local-<br>councils-respond-to-ratepayers-in-<br>financial-hardship/   |
| Outsourcing of parking fine<br>internal reviews – a follow-up<br>report                     | The Ombudsman's follow-up investigation report found that<br>more than 17,400 parking fines could be overturned as it<br>identified a further five councils, a university and an agency<br>outsourced internal reviews of parking infringements.<br>There are now 12 councils and agencies in Victoria that have<br>or are setting up refund schemes for motorists affected by<br>historical outsourcing of parking fine reviews. | Completed | 17 March 2021 | https://www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au/our<br>-impact/investigation-<br>reports/outsourcing-of-parking-fine-<br>internal-reviews-a-follow-up-report/                         |

### Local Government reports currently in progress

| Торіс                             | Overview   | Status      | Proposed Publishing | Link  |
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| Independent Broad-based Anti-Corr | ruption Commission   |             |                     |   |
| Operation Sandon                  | IBAC held public hearings during 2019 and 2020 into<br>allegations of serious corrupt conduct in relation to<br>planning and property development decisions at the City of<br>Casey council. | In Progress | To be advised       | https://www.ibac.vic.gov.au/investigatin<br>g-corruption/IBAC-<br>examinations/operation-sandon |

### Active Council governance matters as at date:

| Торіс   | Councils and timeline  | Link  |
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| Long-term Government appointed administrators | • South Gippsland Shire Council (21 June 2019 until the next election for the council in October 2021) | https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/commission-of-<br>inquiry-into-south-gippsland-shire-council2 |
|   | Casey City Council (14 May 2020 to October 2024)   | https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/independent-reports   |
|   | • Whittlesea City Council (19 June 2020 to October 2024)   | https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/independent-reports   |

# Interstate Audit Office and Integrity body update — July 2021

#### Interstate Local Government reports tabled within the previous 3 months

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| New South Wales  |   |           |               |   |   |
| Report on Local<br>Government 2020   | The report details the results of the local government sector council financial statement audits for the year ended 30 June 2020.   | Completed | 27 May 2021   | All local councils  | https://www.audit.nsw.gov.<br>au/our-work/reports/report-<br>on-local-government-2020   |
| Queensland   |   |           |               |   |   |
| Local government 2020  | This audit summarised the results of our financial audits of<br>the Queensland councils and the related entities they control<br>that produced financial statements at 30 June.                       | Completed | 22 April 2021 | All local councils  | https://www.qao.qld.gov.au<br>/reports-resources/reports-<br>parliament/local-<br>government-2020   |
| Western Australia  |   |           |               |   |   |
| Temporary Abbreviated<br>State Procurement<br>Control Requirements         | This audit assessed if State government entities were<br>appropriately applying temporary abbreviated State<br>procurement control requirements put in place in response to<br>the COVID-19 pandemic. | Completed | 30 June 2021  | <ul> <li>25 public sector<br/>entities including<br/>Department of<br/>Local Government,<br/>Sport and Cultural<br/>Industries</li> </ul> | https://audit.wa.gov.au/rep<br>orts-and-<br>publications/reports/tempo<br>rary-abbreviated-state-<br>procurement-control-<br>requirements/    |
| Information Systems<br>Audit Report 2021 –<br>State Government<br>Entities | This report summarises the results of the 2020 annual cycle<br>of information systems audits for State government entities<br>and tertiary institutions in the Western Australian public<br>sector.   | Completed | 16 June 2021  | <ul> <li>36 public sector<br/>entities including<br/>Department of<br/>Local Government,<br/>Sport and Cultural<br/>Industries</li> </ul> | https://audit.wa.gov.au/rep<br>orts-and-<br>publications/reports/inform<br>ation-systems-audit-report-<br>2021-state-government-<br>entities/ |

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| Audit Results Report –<br>Annual 2019-20<br>Financial Audits of<br>Local Government<br>Entities | This report summarises the third year of QAO's 4-year<br>transition into local government financial auditing. It includes<br>the results of 117 local government entities. | Completed | 16 June 2021  | <ul> <li>117 local<br/>government<br/>entities</li> </ul> | https://audit.wa.gov.au/rep<br>orts-and-<br>publications/reports/audit-<br>results-report-annual-2019-<br>20-financial-audits-of-local-<br>government-entities/ |
| Local Government<br>General Computer<br>Controls  | The report summarises the results of OAG's 2020 annual cycle<br>of information systems audits across a selection of 50 local<br>government entities.                       | Completed | 12 May 2021   | Selection of 50     local councils                        | https://audit.wa.gov.au/rep<br>orts-and-<br>publications/reports/local-<br>government-general-<br>computer-controls/  |
| Regulation and support of local government  | This audit assessed whether the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries effectively regulates and supports local government entities.                | Completed | 30 April 2021 | Selection of local councils                               | <u>https://audit.wa.gov.au/audi</u><br><u>ting-in-wa/audit-program/</u>   |

## Local Government reports currently in progress and planned

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| New South Wales  |   |                          |                  |                               |  |
| Business continuity<br>and disaster recovery<br>planning | This audit will examine the effectiveness of business<br>continuity planning processes in a selection of local<br>councils in preparing these organisations for recent<br>emergency events. | Open for<br>Contribution | 2020-21          | A selection of local councils | https://www.audit.ns<br>w.gov.au/our-<br>work/reports/busine<br>ss-continuity-and-<br>disaster-recovery-<br>planning |

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| Council annual charges              | This audit could examine selected common charges<br>across a number of councils to understand what is<br>driving the variability in charges for the common<br>services, that vary greatly between councils.   | Planned | 2020-21          | A selection of local councils   | https://www.audit.ns<br>w.gov.au/our-<br>work/reports/council<br>-annual-charges              |
| Compliance review:<br>Cybersecurity | In February 2019 the Department of Finance,<br>Services and Innovation launched the NSW Cyber<br>Security Policy to ensure all NSW Government<br>Departments and Public Service Agencies are<br>managing cyber security risks to their information<br>and systems. The policy mandates a number of<br>requirements that are a minimum that all agencies<br>must implement. In addition, agencies must assess<br>their level of cyber maturity. This audit will examine<br>whether agencies are complying with the Policy. | Planned | 2020-21          | All NSW Government     Departments and Public     Service Agencies  | https://www.audit.ns<br>w.gov.au/our-<br>work/reports/compli<br>ance-review-<br>cybersecurity |
| Queensland                          |   |         |                  |   |   |
| Local government 2021               | This audit will summarise the results of our financial<br>audits of the Queensland councils and the related<br>entities they control that produced financial<br>statements at 30 June   | Planned | 2021-22          | All Local councils  | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program   |
| Water 2021                          | This audit will summarise financial audit results of<br>state and local government owned water entities,<br>and two controlled entities for 2020–21.  | Planned | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Seqwater</li> <li>SunWater</li> <li>Gladstone Area Water Board</li> <li>Mount Isa Water Board</li> <li>Queensland Urban Utilities</li> <li>Unitywater.</li> <li>Local Councils who own water entities</li> </ul> | https://www.qao.qld.<br>gov.au/audit-program  |

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| Improving asset<br>management in local<br>government | This audit will examine whether councils are<br>effectively managing their infrastructure assets to<br>maximise service potential, while minimising the<br>total cost of owning these assets. | Planned | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Department of State<br/>Development, Infrastructure,<br/>Local Government and<br/>Planning</li> <li>Local councils</li> </ul>  | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Maintaining strong and prosperous regions            | This audit will assess the Queensland Government's effectiveness in progressing the goals for strong and prosperous regions in its Queensland Plan.   | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Local<br/>Government, Racing and<br/>Multicultural Affairs</li> <li>Selection of local councils</li> </ul>   | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Managing<br>Queensland's world<br>heritage sites     | This audit will assess how effectively the state's<br>tourism and environmental entities are managing<br>Queensland's world heritage listed sites.  | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Department of Environment<br/>and Science</li> <li>Department of Tourism,<br/>Innovation and Sport</li> <li>Tourism and Events<br/>Queensland</li> <li>Local councils.</li> </ul>                                | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Local government 2022                                | This audit will summarise the results of our financial<br>audits of the Queensland councils and the related<br>entities they control that produced financial<br>statements at 30 June.        | Planned | 2022-23          | All Local councils  | https://www.qao.qld.<br>gov.au/audit-program        |
| Water 2022   | This audit will summarise financial audit results of<br>state and local government owned water entities,<br>and two controlled entities for 2020–21.  | Planned | 2022-23          | <ul> <li>Seqwater</li> <li>SunWater</li> <li>Gladstone Area Water Board</li> <li>Mount Isa Water Board</li> <li>Queensland Urban Utilities</li> <li>Unitywater.</li> <li>Local Councils who own water entities</li> </ul> | https://www.qao.qld.<br>gov.au/audit-program        |

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| Managing Invasive species   | This audit will assess how effectively the Department<br>of Agriculture and Fisheries is managing invasive<br>species.   | Planned | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Department of Agriculture and<br/>Fisheries</li> <li>Department of Environment<br/>and Science</li> <li>Local councils</li> </ul>                           | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Effectiveness of Local<br>Government Audit<br>committees                              | This audit will assess the effectiveness of audit committees in local governments.   | Planned | 2023-24          | Local councils   | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Implementing<br>recommendations<br>from Queensland<br>Floods Commission of<br>Enquiry | This audit will assess whether Queensland is better<br>able to prevent and prepare for floods following the<br>Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry.                                | Planned | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Department of Regional<br/>Development, Manufacturing<br/>and Water</li> <li>Local councils</li> <li>Queensland Fire and<br/>Emergency Services.</li> </ul> | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Managing<br>Queensland's Water<br>Supply  | This audit will examine how effectively, and<br>efficiently state and local governments are ensuring<br>communities have access to safe, secure and reliable<br>water.                 | Planned | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Department of Regional<br/>Development, Manufacturing<br/>and Water</li> <li>Local councils</li> <li>selected water entities</li> </ul>                     | https://www.qao.qld.<br>gov.au/audit-program        |
| Local government 2023   | This audit will summarise the results of our financial<br>audits of the Queensland councils and the related<br>entities they control that produced financial<br>statements at 30 June. | Planned | 2023-24          | All Local councils   | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |
| Sustainability in local governments   | This audit will examine the sector's progress in meeting its sustainability challenges.  | Planned | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Department of State<br/>Development, Infrastructure,<br/>Local Government</li> <li>Local councils</li> </ul>  | <u>https://www.qao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program |

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| Water 2023   | This audit will summarise financial audit results of<br>state and local government owned water entities,<br>and two controlled entities for 2020–21.  | Planned     | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Seqwater</li> <li>SunWater</li> <li>Gladstone Area Water Board</li> <li>Mount Isa Water Board</li> <li>Queensland Urban Utilities</li> <li>Unitywater.</li> <li>Local Councils who own water entities</li> </ul> | https://www.qao.qld.<br>gov.au/audit-program                                |
| Managing Volunteer<br>services                             | This audit will examine whether relevant public<br>sector entities are effectively managing their<br>volunteer workforce (the State Emergency Service,<br>Rural Fire Service, and the Australian Volunteer<br>Coastguard).                                    | Planned     | 2023-24          | <ul> <li>Queensland Fire and<br/>Emergency Services</li> <li>Local councils</li> <li>selected public sector entities.</li> </ul>  | <u>https://www.gao.qld.</u><br>gov.au/audit-program                         |
| Western Australia  |   |             |                  |   |   |
| Safe and Viable cycling<br>in the Perth and Peel<br>region | The objective of the audit is to assess the<br>effectiveness of LG entities in improving the Perth<br>and Peel cycling network and follow-up<br>recommendations from our 2015 performance audit<br>Safe and Viable Cycling in the Perth Metropolitan<br>Area. | In Progress | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Local government entities for<br/>Perth and Peel regions</li> <li>Department of Transport (DoT)</li> </ul>   | <u>https://audit.wa.gov.</u><br><u>au/auditing-in-</u><br>wa/audit-program/ |
| State of Cyber security<br>in local government<br>entities | The objective of this audit is to determine if local government entities are effectively managing cyber security.   | In Progress | 2021-22          | Sample of Local government     entities   | <u>https://audit.wa.gov.</u><br><u>au/auditing-in-</u><br>wa/audit-program/ |
| Local Government<br>financial hardship<br>support          | The objective of this audit is to assess if LG entities provide effective financial hardship support to assist ratepayers impacted by COVID-19.   | Planned     | 2021-22          | Sample of Local government     entities   |   |
| Tasmania   |   |             |                  |   |   |

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| Council general<br>manager recruitment,<br>appointment and<br>performance<br>assessment | This audit will assess recruitment processes,<br>contractual and remuneration arrangements and<br>performance assessment for council general<br>managers.  | Planned     | 2021-22          | A selection of local councils   | https://www.audit.ta<br>s.gov.au/wp-<br>content/uploads/Ann<br>ual-Plan-of-Work-<br>2020-21.pdf |
| Managing landfills  | This audit will examine whether the Environmental<br>Protection Authority's (EPA) current regulatory<br>approach is appropriately administered, is being<br>complied with and has been effective in providing<br>assurance that landfills are not leading to adverse<br>human health and environmental impacts, both<br>currently and for future generations.                  | Planned     | 2021-22          | <ul> <li>Environmental Protection<br/>Authority</li> <li>Department of Primary<br/>Industries, Parks, Water and<br/>Environment</li> <li>Selected Councils and Joint<br/>Authorities</li> </ul> | https://www.audit.ta<br>s.gov.au/wp-<br>content/uploads/Ann<br>ual-Plan-of-Work-<br>2019-20.pdf |
| Council Procurement -<br>Report 3   | <ul> <li>This audit will assess whether procurement of goods<br/>and services by councils is being undertaken in<br/>accordance with the:</li> <li>Local Government Act 1993</li> <li>Local Government (General) Regulations 2015</li> <li>Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts</li> <li>Council's internal policies, procedures and<br/>manuals</li> </ul>                | Planned     | 2021-22          | A selection of local councils   | https://www.audit.ta<br>s.gov.au/wp-<br>content/uploads/Ann<br>ual-Plan-of-Work-<br>2020-21.pdf |
| Australian National Aud   | lit Office (ANAO)  |             |                  |   |   |
| Operation of Grants<br>Hubs   | The objective of this audit is to assess the design and<br>implementation of the Streamlining Government<br>Grants Administration (SGGA) Program in improving<br>the effective and efficient delivery of grants<br>administration.<br>*This report will not include Local Councils, but its<br>contents may directly apply to areas concerning Local<br>Government operations. | In Progress | August 2021      | <ul> <li>Department of Finance</li> <li>Department of Industry,<br/>Science, Energy and Resources</li> <li>Department of Social Services</li> </ul>   | https://www.anao.go<br>v.au/work/performan<br>ce-audit/operation-<br>grants-hubs                |