

# VAGO Status Report – December 2022

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# VAGO news

## Annual plan 2022-23

VAGO's annual plan 2022-23 was tabled in Parliament on 9 June 2022. The Annual Plan 2022-23 covers our two-year forward work program.

A link to the Annual plan 2022-23 is as follows:

<https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/annual-plan-2022-23>

## Budget independence for integrity agencies

Victoria's integrity agencies: Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, Victorian Auditor-General's Office and the Victorian Ombudsman, have come together to present an evidence based paper outlining the need for greater budgetary independence. The intention is to remove the politics from the debate, so that governments of whatever stripe cannot be accused, fairly or otherwise, of interfering with the independence of those agencies whose job it is to hold them to account.

The paper '*Budget Independence for Victoria's Independent Officers of Parliament*' discusses the current approach of other jurisdictions and sets out the case to further strengthen the perceived and actual independence of Victoria's key integrity agencies.

<https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/news/victorias-integrity-agencies-call-greater-budgetary-independence-20221018>

## Integrity matters

Leaders from the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, the Victorian Ombudsman and IBAC discuss current integrity risks and challenge, and why they matter. Topics including public sector governance, conflicts of interest, procurement and what constitutes corruption.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjUxZ3dYuis>

## Performance Audit

Ben Hasker is currently acting in the role of Assistant Auditor-General, Performance Audit.

The Performance Audit Sector Directors are:

Director	Sector
Andrew Evans	Education
Natalie Egan^	Environment and Planning
Elsie Alcordo^	Health and Human Services
Sheraz Siddiqui	Infrastructure and Transport
Kelly Butler^	Justice and Community Safety
Jenny Koong^	Local Government & Economic Development
Trang Ho	Whole of Government
Ryan Green	Strategic Audit Planning

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# VAGO Financial Audit – update

Item	Status	Comment												
<b>2021-22 Financial Audit</b>														
Annual audit of the financial report and performance statement	In progress	The state of play, as at 21 December 2022, as follows:												
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<b>Parliamentary reports</b>														
Results of audits 2021-22: Local Government report	In progress	We will table this report post the State election and once the government is sworn in and sitting dates are set.												
		<p>The report will analyse the financial performance and position, and sustainability risks of the local government sector. The report also informs Parliament about the strengths and weaknesses in the control environments at entities within the sector and make recommendations to improve them as appropriate.</p> <p>We will release an interactive dashboard to accompany the Parliamentary report. This will enable users to visualise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ sector results over the last five years</li> <li>➔ trends and composition analyses for specific entities</li> <li>➔ compare results between entities over time.</li> </ul>												

# VAGO Performance Audit – proposed engagements

Overview of performance audit / limited assurance review	Proposed tabling	Proposed agencies in-scope
<b>A summary of proposed performance audits or limited assurance reviews relating to the Local Government sector and/or involving councils</b>		
<b>Developing Fishermans Bend</b> To determine whether planning and early development of Fishermans Bend supports the delivery of the development's objectives.	2023-24	DELWP, Development Victoria, DJPR, Melbourne City Council and Port Phillip City Council
<b>Illegal disposal of asbestos-contaminated materials</b> To determine whether responsible agencies have controls in place to address illegal dumping of asbestos-contaminated (hazardous) waste.	2023-24	DELWP, EPA, Hume City Council, Merri-bek City Council, Parks Victoria, Sustainability Victoria and Work Safe Victoria
<b>A summary of proposed performance audits or limited assurance reviews of potential interest</b>		
<b>Assuring the integrity of the Victorian Government's procurement activities</b> To determine whether Victorian government departments manage the risks of fraud and corruption when procuring goods and services.	2023-24	DELWP, DET, DFFH, DH, DJCS, DJPR, DoT, DPC, DTF and VPSC
<b>Managing employee performance in the Victorian public service</b> To determine whether public sector agencies are assessing performance and managing progression in accordance with the <i>Victorian Sector Enterprise Agreement 2020</i> .	2023-24	DELWP, DET, DFFH, DH, DJCS, DJPR, DoT, DPC, DTF and VPSC
<b>Managing state significant risks</b> To determine whether agencies work collaboratively to identify, monitor and manage state significant risks.	2023-24	DELWP, DET, DFFH, DH, DJCS, DJPR, DoT, DPC, DTF and VMIA

# VAGO Performance Audit – engagements in progress

Overview of performance audit / limited assurance review	VAGO Director	Next milestone	Proposed tabling	Agencies in-scope
<b>A summary of performance audits or limited assurance reviews underway relating to the Local Government sector and/or involving councils</b>				
<b>Regulating private pool and spa safety</b> To determine whether councils are effectively implementing private pool and spa safety barrier regulations.	Jenny Koong	Proposed report January 2023	February 2023	Frankston City Council, Greater Bendigo City Council, Melton City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and Surf Coast Shire Council
<b>Regulating food safety</b> To determine whether councils' administration of food safety regulation ensures legislative compliance and supports public health.	Jenny Koong	Provisional report March 2023	May 2023	DH, Greater Geelong City Council, Hepburn Shire Council, Kingston City Council and Manningham City Council
<b>A summary of performance audits or limited assurance reviews underway involving public sector agencies</b>				
<b>Contractors and consultants in the Victorian public service – Spending</b> To determine whether departments are accurately recording, monitoring and reporting their spending on contractors and consultants.	Trang Ho	End of Conduct brief January 2023	May 2023	All departments and VPSC
<b>Cyber series – Security of Cloud Computing Platforms</b> To determine whether selected agencies have implemented effective controls in their public cloud computing platforms.	Trang Ho	End of Conduct brief February 2023	May 2023	All departments and Cenitex

# VAGO recently tabled Parliamentary reports

Title	Comment	Tabling date	VAGO Director
Auditor-General's Report on the Annual Financial Report of the State of Victoria: 2021–22	<p>The report analyses and comments on key aspects of the state's financial performance and position.</p> <p>Our complementary Auditor-General's Report on the AFR: 2021–22 data dashboard graphically presents the general government sector financial information reported in the AFR and state budget, and the financial ratios we use in our report.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/auditor-generals-report-annual-financial-report-state-victoria-2021-22">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/auditor-generals-report-annual-financial-report-state-victoria-2021-22</a></p>	28 October 2022	Ryan Green
Regulating Victoria's native forests	<p>This audit assessed whether the Office of the Conversation Regulator effectively regulates timber harvesting operations in Victoria's native forests.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/regulating-victorias-native-forests">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/regulating-victorias-native-forests</a></p>	6 October 2022	Dallas Mischkulnig
Victoria's Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Data	<p>This audit assessed if the Department of Health's Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection dataset is high quality and achieving its intended benefits</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/victorias-alcohol-and-other-drug-treatment-data">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/victorias-alcohol-and-other-drug-treatment-data</a></p>	6 October 2022	Andrew Evans
Annual Report 2021-22	<p>This report covers the activities of VAGO for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. It is prepared in accordance with the Audit Act 1994 and the Financial Management Act 1994, and complies with the requirements of relevant Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, Standing Directions and Financial Reporting Directions.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/annual-report-2021-22">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/annual-report-2021-22</a></p>	21 September 2022	Ryan Green
Major Projects Performance Reporting 2022	<p>This limited assurance review assessed if the public sector transparently reports the performance of major projects against cost, time, scope and benefits.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/major-projects-performance-reporting-2022">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/major-projects-performance-reporting-2022</a></p>	21 September 2022	Ryan Green



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Quality of child protection data	<p>This audit assessed if the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing has adequate controls to ensure that data in its Client Relationship Information System is reliable.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/quality-child-protection-data">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/quality-child-protection-data</a></p>	21 September 2022	Elsie Alcordo
Follow-up of Maintaining the Mental Health of Child Protection Practitioners	<p>This limited assurance review assessed if the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing effectively responded to the recommendations from our 2018 audit Maintaining the Mental Health of Child Protection Practitioners.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/follow-maintaining-mental-health-child-protection-practitioners">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/follow-maintaining-mental-health-child-protection-practitioners</a></p>	21 September 2022	Dallas Mischkulnig
Quality of major transport infrastructure project business cases	<p>This audit assessed if business cases for major transport infrastructure projects support informed investment decisions.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/quality-major-transport-infrastructure-project-business-cases">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/quality-major-transport-infrastructure-project-business-cases</a></p>	21 September 2022	Ben Hasker
The effectiveness of Victoria Police's Staff Allocation	<p>This audit determined if Victoria Police understands its staffing needs and use this to make resource allocation decisions that are aligned to its strategic objectives.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/effectiveness-victoria-polices-staff-allocation">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/effectiveness-victoria-polices-staff-allocation</a></p>	1 September 2022	Vicky Delgos
Follow-up of Protecting Victoria's Coastal Assets	<p>We examined whether the actions taken by DELWP since our 2018 audit, Protecting Victoria's Coastal Assets, are assisting asset managers to better manage and protect natural and built assets along Victoria's coastline.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/follow-protecting-victorias-coastal-assets?section=">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/follow-protecting-victorias-coastal-assets?section=</a></p>	31 August 2022	Dallas Mischkulnig
Results of 2021 Audits: Technical and Further Education Institutes	<p>This report provides Parliament and the community with information about matters arising from our 2021 financial audit of the technical and further education institutes and their controlled entities.</p> <p>Please refer to the following link for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/results-2021-audits-technical-and-further-education-institutes">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/results-2021-audits-technical-and-further-education-institutes</a></p>	8 July 2022	Charlotte Jeffries

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Results of 2021 Audits: Universities	<p>This report provides Parliament and the community with information about matters arising from our 2021 financial audit of the universities and their controlled entities.</p> <p>Please refer to the following link for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/results-2021-audits-universities">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/results-2021-audits-universities</a></p>	8 July 2022	Charlotte Jeffries
Responses to performance audit recommendations <i>Limited assurance review</i>	<p>This audit examined whether public sector agencies implement our performance audit recommendations and respond to them in a timely way.</p> <p>Please refer to the following link for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-06/20220629-Responses-to-recommendations_0.pdf">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-06/20220629-Responses-to-recommendations_0.pdf</a></p>	29 June 2022	Ryan Green
Melbourne metro tunnel project phase 2: Main works	<p>The audit looked at the progress of the tunnels and stations main works against the scope, time, cost and quality targets in the amended December 2020 contract.</p> <p>Please refer to the following link for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/Melbourne-metro-tunnel-project-phase-2-main-works">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/Melbourne-metro-tunnel-project-phase-2-main-works</a></p>	22 June 2022	Ben Hasker
Kinship care	<p>We examined DFFH and 3 other kinship care service providers—Anglicare Victoria, Uniting Vic.Tas, and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency. We assessed if the new kinship care model helps identify kinship networks in a timely manner for children and young people at risk and provides them with stable and quality placements.</p> <p>Please refer to the following link for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/kinship-care">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/kinship-care</a></p>	22 June 2022	Elsie Alcordo
Managing body-worn cameras	<p>The audit examined how Victoria Police uses and governs body-worn cameras (BWC), including how it uses and protects the recordings.</p> <p><a href="https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/managing-body-worn-cameras">https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/managing-body-worn-cameras</a></p>	8 June 2022	Vicky Delgos

# Other Victorian Integrity and Local Government related bodies

## Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission

Topic	Overview	Status	Completion Date
Operation Watts <a href="#">Link</a>	<p>Operation Watts was the first ever joint investigation conducted by IBAC and the Victorian Ombudsman.</p> <p>The investigation examined a range of matters including allegations of misuse of electorate offices, ministerial office staff and resources for branch stacking and other party-related activities.</p> <p>Key findings included: the hiring of unqualified people into publicly funded roles; using those roles to support factional work; nepotism; forging signatures; bullying behaviours; and attempts to interfere with government grants.</p>	Completed	20 July 2022
Operation Sandon <a href="#">Link</a>	<p>IBAC held public hearings during 2019 and 2020 into allegations of serious corrupt conduct in relation to planning and property development decisions at the City of Casey council.</p>	In Progress	To be advised

## Local Government reports (*Reports finalised within the previous 6 months*)

Topic	Overview	Status	Completion Date
<b>Local Government Inspectorate</b>			
Nil			
<b>Victorian Ombudsman</b>			
Ombudsman's recommendations – fourth report <a href="#">Link</a>	This report examined how public bodies respond to the Ombudsman's recommendations. This report also covered Ombudsman's investigations tabled in Parliament between May 2020 and December 2021.	Completed	28 September 2022
Investigation into a former youth worker's unauthorised access to private information about children <a href="#">Link</a>	This report examined the circumstances surrounding a former youth worker's unauthorised access to Victorian Government information about children and young people, and discussed Victoria's Working with Children Check scheme, including proposed amendments to the Worker Screening Act 2020 (Vic).	Completed	14 September 2022
Investigation of a matter referred from the Legislative Council on 9 February 2022 Part 1 <a href="#">Link</a>	This report examined matters referred to the Ombudsman Deborah Glass by the Legislative Council in February 2022, specifically in relation to the 'Red Shirts' scheme which operated prior to the 2014 State election and allegations of branch stacking.	Completed	28 July 2022
Investigation into complaint handling in the Victorian social housing sector <a href="#">Link</a>	This report investigated the way in which Department of Families, Fairness and Housing handled complaints in the Victorian social housing sector due to a steady increase in complaints made about public and community and community housing over the years.	Completed	7 July 2022

## Active governance matters

Topic	Councils and timeline	Details
Municipal Monitors <a href="#">Link</a>	Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darebin City Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>• Moira Shire Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>• Wodonga City Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>• Horsham Rural City Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> </ul> Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Gippsland Shire Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>• Strathbogie Shire Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>• Yarra City Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> </ul>	Period of 9 months, commenced on 22 April 2022 Period of 9 months, commenced on 22 April 2022 Period of 9 months, commenced on 22 April 2022 Period of 6 months, commenced on 22 July 2022
Long-term Government appointed administrators <a href="#">Link</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casey City Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>• Whittlesea City Council (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> </ul>	20 May 2020 to October 2024 19 June 2020 to October 2024

# Other Australian audit offices

Planned performance audits or results of audit reports relating to the local government sector

Overview	Proposed tabling	Agencies
<b>Australian National Audit Office</b>		
<p><b>Governance of Northern Land Council</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit is to assess the effectiveness of the governance of the Northern Land Council under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Aboriginal Land Rights Act), Native Title Act 1993 (Native Title Act) and Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act).</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	Northern Land Council
<p><b>Governance of the Anindilyakwa Land Council</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit is to assess the effectiveness of the governance of the Anindilyakwa Land Council under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 and the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	Anindilyakwa Land Council
<p><b>Governance of the Tiwi Land Council</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit is to assess the effectiveness of the governance of the Tiwi Land Council under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 and the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	Tiwi Land Council
<p><b>Audit: Administration of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit is to assess the effectiveness of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency's (the agency) administration of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	National Recovery and Resilience Agency

Overview	Proposed tabling	Agencies
<b>New South Wales</b>		
<p><b>Audit: State Finances 2022</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will focus on the State’s 2021–22 consolidated financial statements. It will comment on the key matters that have been the focus of our audit and highlight significant factors that have contributed to the State’s financial results.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	State Public Service entities
<p><b>Audit: Local Government 2022</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will analyse the results of the 2021–22 financial statement audits of the Local Government cluster and comment on the quality and timeliness of financial statements, key accounting issues, and high-risk observations from our audits.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	Selected local councils
<p><b>Audit: Cyber security in local government</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will consider how well selected councils ensure they have effective cyber security measures in place.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	Selected local councils
<p><b>Audit: Regulation and monitoring of local government</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will assess whether DPE (OLG) is effectively monitoring and regulating the NSW local government sector under the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	Selected local councils
<p><b>Audit: Financial management and governance in local councils: MidCoast Council</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will consider one or more councils and examine how these principles are effectively applied in the councils’ financial and asset management, funding decisions and risk management practices, and may examine how councils’ expenditure and investment decisions have complied with the Act.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2021-22	Selected local councils

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<b>Queensland</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Queensland's region 2022</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will analyse data on state and local government service delivery and support for Queensland's regions, and consider other regional growth and sustainability measures, including employment and economic activity.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	<p>State Development and Regional Industries Committee</p> <p>Local councils</p>
<p><b>Audit: Managing ecotourism in Queensland</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will assess whether the state's tourism and environmental entities are effectively developing sustainable ecotourism in Queensland. This will include examining ecotourism in one or more of the World Heritage Sites as case studies.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	<p>Department of Environment and Science</p> <p>Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport</p> <p>Tourism and Events Queensland</p> <p>Local councils</p>
<p><b>Audit: Planning for Queensland's long-term infrastructure investment</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will assess how efficiently and effectively the government undertakes planning to inform infrastructure investments.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	<p>Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning</p> <p>Selected public sector entities</p> <p>Selected local councils</p>



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<p><b>Audit: Managing invasive species</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will examine how effectively state government entities are managing invasive species.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	<p>Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</p> <p>Department of Environment and Science</p> <p>Selection of local councils</p>
<p><b>Audit: Improving asset management in local government</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will examine whether councils are effectively managing their infrastructure assets to maximise service potential, while minimising the total cost of owning these assets.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	<p>Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning</p> <p>Local councils</p>
<p><b>Audit: Local government 2022</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will summarise the results of QAO's financial audits of the Queensland councils and the related entities they control that produced financial statements as at 30 June.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	All Local councils

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<b>Tasmania</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Strategic procurement in local government</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will assess examine how local government councils derive value out of its procurement that benefits the council, the supplier and the community. It will assess whether councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Have a strategic approach to procurement which aligns with the strategic goals and objectives of council</li> <li>→ Are choosing the best procurement approach, including how suppliers are engaged and compliance with tendering and quotation requirements</li> <li>→ Periodically review procurement processes</li> <li>→ Derive and measure value from procurement.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	November 2022	A selection of local councils
<p><b>Audit: Private works undertaken by councils</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will assess the effectiveness of council processes relating to private works undertaken. It will examine whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Councils have a private works policy setting out the circumstances under which such works may be undertaken</li> <li>→ Decisions to undertaken private works are transparent, equitable and consistent</li> <li>→ Selected councils' approaches to costing private works are accurate and comprehensive</li> <li>→ Administrative arrangements for managing approved private works are effective.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2022-23	A selection of local councils
<p><b>Audit: Management of landfill</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit will examine whether councils and local government joint authorities effectively manage active and closed landfill sites, including regulatory compliance and financial, social and environmental management.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	2023-24	<p>A selection of local councils</p> <p>Local government authorities</p> <p>Environmental Protection Authority</p>

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<b>Western Australia</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Regulation of air-handling and water systems (Joint)</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit is to assess whether WA Health and local government entities are effectively regulating air-handling and water systems to minimise the risk of Legionella.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	First quarter of 2023	Department of Health Local government entities
<p><b>Audit: Funding for volunteer emergency and fire services (Joint)</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit is to assess if DFES and local government entities effectively administer funding for their volunteer emergency and fire services.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	Third quarter 2022	Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Local government entities.

## Reports tabled in the last six months of potential interest

Overview	Tabling date	Agencies
<b>Australian National Audit Office</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Management of Staff Leave in the Australian Public Service</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit assessed the compliance by selected Australian Public Service entities with legislation and other relevant requirements relating to staff leave</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	30 June 2022	Australian Public Service entities
<b>New South Wales</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Planning and Environment 2022</b></p> <p>Objective: This report provides Parliament and other users of the Planning and Environment cluster's financial statements with the results of our audits, analysis, conclusions and recommendations in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial reporting</li> <li>• audit observations</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	15 December 2022	Department of Planning and Environment (inclusive of the Office of Local Government)  Landcom  NSW Land and Housing Corporations  Property NSW  Sydney Olympic Park Authority  Sydney Water Corporation  Water NSW

Overview	Tabling date	Agencies
<p><b>Audit: Development applications: assessment and determination stages</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit assessed whether Byron Shire Council, Northern Beaches Council and The Hills Shire Council had effectively assessed and determined development applications in compliance with legislative and other requirements. It also assessed whether The Hills Shire Council, Northern Beaches Council and the Department of Planning and Environment had provided effective support to relevant independent planning panels.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	12 December 2022	Byron Shire Council Northern Beaches Council The Hills Shire Council Department of Planning and Environment
<p><b>Audit: Performance audit insights: Key findings from 2018–2021</b></p> <p>Objective: This report analysed the key findings and recommendations from performance audits tabled in the NSW Parliament between July 2018 and June 2021, spanning varied areas of government activity. The report presented common findings and lessons from the past three years of performance audits with particular focus on issues relating to the integrity and transparency of decision making and processes, as well as the fundamentals of good governance such as probity controls and record keeping.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	30 June 2022	All NSW Government Departments and Public Service Agencies audited between 2018 and 2021.
<p><b>Audit: Local Government 2021</b></p> <p>Objective: This report details findings and recommendations from NSWAO 2020–21 financial audits of local councils and comments on financial reporting and performance, internal controls and governance, and areas of interest that were in focus during the conduct of our audits.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	22 June 2022	All local councils
<p><b>Audit: NSW planning portal</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit assessed the effectiveness of the Department of Planning and Environment’s implementation, governance and stakeholder engagement in delivering the NSW planning portal.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	21 June 2022	Department of Planning and Environment All local councils State agencies

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<b>Queensland</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Major projects 2022</b></p> <p>Objective: This report provides details on Queensland’s major infrastructure projects and analyses expenditure. It also assesses the Cross River Rail, which is currently the state’s largest infrastructure project.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	1 December 2022	All local councils
<b>South Australia</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Management of Kerbside Waste Services</b></p> <p>Objective: This audit assessed assess whether the Councils have effectively managed their kerbside waste services to work towards achieving their targets and the targets set by the SA Government for diverting waste from landfill.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	17 August 2022	Corporation of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters (NPSP Council)  City of West Torrens (West Torrens Council)
<b>Tasmania</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Auditor-General’s report on the financial statements of State entities Volume 1</b></p> <p>Objective: This report is the first volume of 2 volumes reporting on our audits for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 30 June 2022. This volume reports on the status of audits of financial statements and provides analysis and commentary on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State entities and audited subsidiaries in the General Government and Total State Sectors</li> <li>• other uncategorised State entities and audited subsidiaries.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	24 November 2022	State Government Entities

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<p><b>Audit: Annual Report 2021-22</b></p> <p>Objective: This report covers the activities of the Tasmanian Audit Office for the reporting period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. It provides a summary of the Office’s achievements against its published strategy and other relevant performance measures.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	25 October 2022	State Government Entities
<b>Western Australia</b>		
<p><b>Audit: Annual Report 2021-22</b></p> <p>Objective: This report describes OAG’s performance and the services OAG delivered during the year to inform Parliament on public sector accountability and performance.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	27 September 2022	State Government Entities 148 WA local government entities
<p><b>Audit: Financial Audit Results – Local Government 2020-21</b></p> <p>Objective: The 2020-21 financial year marked the final year of our 4-year transition to assuming responsibility for the annual financial audit of all 148 WA local government entities. This report summarises the results of our 2020-21 financial audit cycle.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	17 August 2022	148 WA local government entities
<p><b>Audit: Information Systems Audit Report 2022 – Local Government Entities</b></p> <p>Objective: The objective of our general computer controls (GCCs) audits is to determine whether computer controls effectively support the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information systems across a sample of WA local government entities. This report summarised the GCC audit findings reported to 45 entities for 2020-21.</p> <p><a href="#">Link</a></p>	28 June 2022	45 local government entities