

# VAGO status report

## Local Government update

February 2023



# VAGO news

- Ben Hasker is currently acting in the role of Assistant Auditor-General, Performance Audit
- Sheraz Siddiqui has resumed his substantive role as a Sector Director of Infrastructure and Transport in Performance Audit
- The following staff are currently acting as Sector Directors in Performance Audit:

Director	Sector
Elsie Alcordo	Health and Human Services
Jenny Koong	Local Government & Economic Development
Kelly Butler	Justice and Community Safety
Natalie Egan	Environment

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## VAGO Significant accounting developments

Our Financial Reporting Advisory team has released a publication on *Significant accounting developments*

<https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/news/significant-accounting-developments-20230206>

## VAGO Transparency Report

Our Transparency Report 2021–22 expands on our Annual Report 2021–22 by outlining our quality control system and how it applies to our audits. Contains details of entities we audit and their annual audit fee over the past 3 years.

[https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/Corporate%20publications/20230112\\_Transparency-Report-2021-22.pdf](https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/Corporate%20publications/20230112_Transparency-Report-2021-22.pdf)

## VAGO Annual Report 2021-22

Our annual report details our performance for the previous financial year.

<https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/annual-report-2021-22>

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# VAGO Annual Plan

## 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.
- Link to the Annual plan 2022-23  
<https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/annual-plan-2022-23>

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# Planned performance audit engagements

## Local government sector

2023-24

- Illegal disposal of asbestos-contaminated materials
- Delivering Fishermans Bend

## Other sectors

2022-23

- Cybersecurity: cloud computing platforms
- Contractors and consultants in the Victorian public service: spending
- Understanding Victoria's contaminated land

Note: VAGO's [Annual Plan 2022-23](#) covered our two-year forward work program.

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# Ongoing performance audit engagements

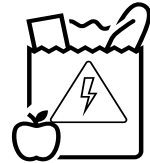
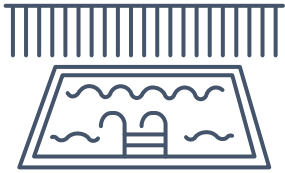
Involving local government


Regulating private pool and spa safety

Regulating food safety

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## Local government

### Results of 2021-22 Audits: Local Government

- Tabling February 2023
- 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 internal control environments and will contain recommendations for the sector, as appropriate.

### Key areas of audit focus in 2022-23

- Impact of flooding during October – December 2022 on council operations and infrastructure assets
- Valuation of land, buildings and infrastructure assets
- Government grants
- Developer contributions
- Landfill provision
- Council information technology controls

### Local Government model financial report and performance statement

- To be released by LGV at a FINPRO conference on 24 February 2023

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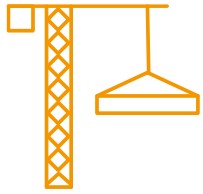
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## Major projects performance reporting 2022

*Tabled September 2022*

Examined whether the public sector transparently reports the performance of major projects against cost, time, scope, and benefits.

[Link](#)



## Responses to performance audit recommendations

*Tabled June 2022*

Examined whether public sector agencies are implementing our performance engagement recommendations in a timely way.

[Link](#)



## Offsetting native vegetation loss on private land

*Tabled May 2022*

Examined whether government is achieving its policy objective of no net loss to biodiversity as a result of permitted clearing on private land.

[Link](#)



## Fraud control over local government grants

*Tabled May 2022*

Examined whether fraud and corruption controls over local government grants were well designed and operating as intended.

[Link](#)

For a complete listing of VAGO tabled reports, refer <https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/search/reports>

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