

Legislative Proposals Impacting on Local Government - Assessment Phase

Legislative proposal means a draft Bill or Regulation or an activity expected to lead to a legislative proposal of this kind, eg Natural Resources Management Discussion Paper.

When assessing whether a particular legislative proposal will have a **significant** impact on the LG sector the following criteria are applicable. A proposal is likely to have a significant impact if one or more of the following apply:

- There will or is likely to be a significant impact on the resources of councils - expenditure requirements and/or significant demands on council staff;
- The proposal significantly increases the powers and/or responsibilities of councils, or significantly constrains the powers of councils;
- The proposal will, or is likely to be, reliant on councils to give effect to the legislation, for example *Development Act*, *Natural Resources Management Act*.

Lead Agency Initiates Legislative Proposal

Agency assessment of impact on LG

OLG assistance if required

Assessment

Category 1
Core Local Government Legislative Framework

Separate process through Minister State/Local Govt Relations

Category 2
Significant Impact on LG
- resources
- powers/constraints
- reliance for implementation

Advanced Consultation Required
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Category 3
Same impact as others

Normal Consultation Process

Category 4
No Impact

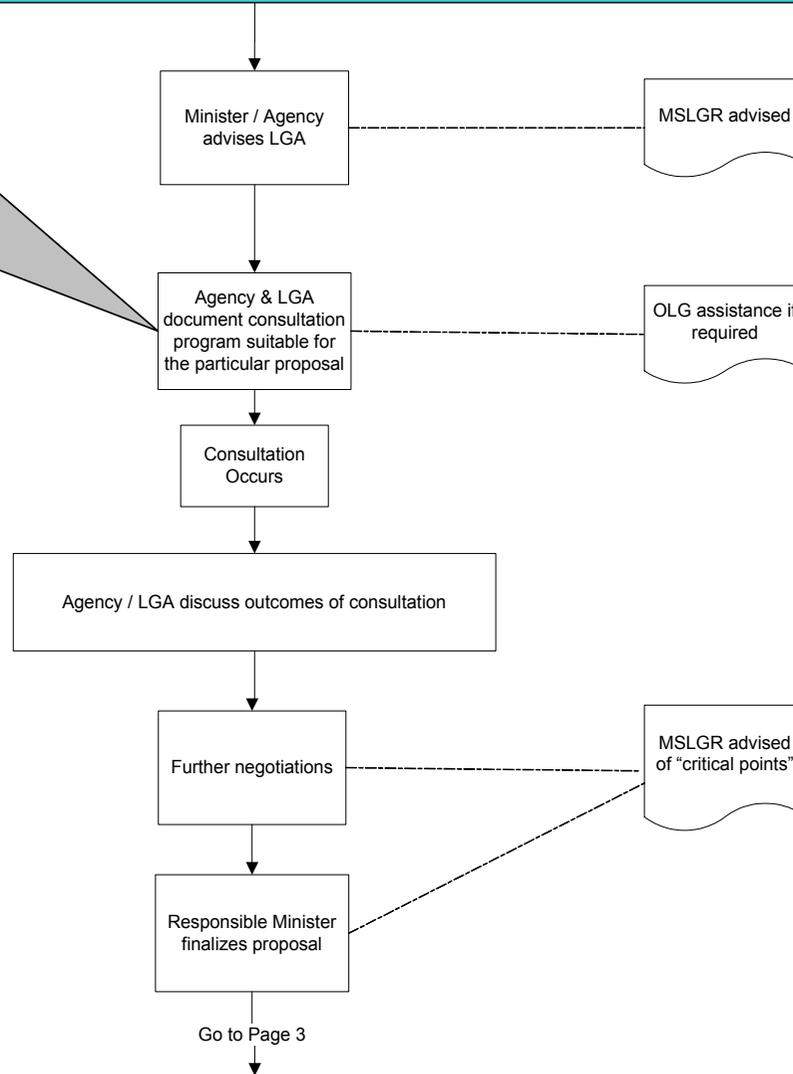
No Consultation Required



Legislative Proposals Impacting on Local Government - Advanced Consultation Phase

Advanced Consultation

The intention of this step in the process is for the lead agency and the LGA to decide upon a consultation program appropriate/commensurate with the complexity and/or perceived importance of the proposal. More complex proposals may suggest the need for joint working parties and quite detailed consultation programs on a state-wide basis. Less complex proposals may warrant an "exchange of letters" approach. The important point of this step is that the LGA and the agency agree "upfront" wherever possible on the nature and the sophistication of the consultation program for the proposal (i.e. "one size does not fit all").



Legislative Proposals Impacting on Local Government - Parliament Phase

Parliament

