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<b>Previous Circular</b>	<i>Nil</i>
<b>Who should read this</b>	Councillors / General Managers
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<b>Action required</b>	Council to Implement

## Mayoral Elections

### What's new or changing

- Under section 230(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, mayors elected by councillors now hold office for 2 years.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils that held ordinary elections in September 2016 are required to hold their mayoral elections in September 2018 if their mayor is elected by councillors.
- Councils that held delayed ordinary elections or first elections (following the creation of a new council) in September 2017 will hold their next mayoral elections in September 2019 if their mayor is elected by councillors.

### Key points

- A mayoral election by councillors must be conducted in accordance with Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.
- The Office of Local Government has prepared a fact sheet on the conduct of mayoral and deputy mayoral elections to assist councils to comply with these requirements. The fact sheet is available on the Office's website [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au).

### Where to go for further information

- For more information, contact the Council Governance Team by telephone on 02 4428 4100 or by email at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).



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