

Schedule 1 Amendment of Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Part 9 Management and accountability

Insert after Division 6—

Division 6A Auditing and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees

216A Definitions

In this division—

chairperson, for an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, means the chairperson of the committee.

independent member, for an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, means a person appointed to the committee under section 216C(1)(b).

internal audit co-ordinator—see section 216P(4).

216B Application of division to joint organisations

This division applies to a joint organisation in the same way as it applies to a council.

216C Composition of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee—the Act, Sch 6, cl 19B

- (1) The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a council must comprise—
 - (a) a chairperson, and
 - (b) at least 2 independent members.
- (2) One councillor, who must not be the mayor, of the council may also be appointed to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a council.
- (3) The appointment of a member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee must be made by resolution of the council.
- (4) A councillor appointed to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee must not vote on a matter being considered by the committee.
- (5) A person may be appointed to more than 1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee if otherwise eligible.

216D Eligibility for appointment as chairperson—the Act, Sch 6, cl 19B

A council must not appoint a person as the chairperson of the council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee unless the council is reasonably satisfied the person—

- (a) has leadership qualities, and
- (b) is able to promote effective working relationships in complex organisations, and
- (c) is able to communicate complex and sensitive assessments in a tactful way, and
- (d) has a sound understanding of the principles of good organisational governance, and
- (e) is able to understand local government accountability, including financial reporting, and