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HISTORY OF CHANGES BY COUNCIL AREA

The table below provides a history of representation and electoral boundary changes in Northern Territory local government councils, implemented through council reviews, departmental recommendations, and ministerial powers under the Local Government Act.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	REPRESENTATION CHANGES PRIOR TO 2025 LG ELECTIONS	REPRESENTATION CHANGES PRIOR TO 2021 LG ELECTIONS	REPRESENTATION CHANGES PRIOR TO 2017 LG ELECTIONS	REPRESENTATION CHANGES PRIOR TO 2012 LG ELECTIONS
Alice Springs Town Council				
Barkly Regional Council			▶ Name change only: Yapurkalangu Ward changed to Kuwarrangu Ward. *Gazette June 2017*	▶ Creation of Alpurrurulam Ward (1 elected member) from the existing Alyawarr Ward (4 elected members). ▶ An increase from 3 to 4 wards and 11 to 12 elected members (2012).
Belyuen Community Government Council			▶ Number of elected members reduced from 8 to 5. (Local Government Department recommendation) (2017)	▶ Under administration from 2007 to 2017.
Central Desert Regional Council				
Coomalie Community Government Council			▶ Change from 6 wards to 3 wards with 2 elected members each. *Gazette June 2017* ▶ Prior to this was a reduction in elected members for Batchelor Township Ward from 3 to 1, and Adelaide River Township Ward from 2 to 1. *Gazette February 2013*	
City of Darwin		▶ Boundary changes to all 4 wards. *Gazette December 2020*		▶ Boundary changes to 3 of the 4 wards: Chan, Lyons and Waters. *Gazette November 2011*
East Arnhem Regional Council	▶ Anindilyakwa Ward abolished to create a new council. Reduction from 6 to 5 wards. *Gazette May 2024*			▶ 2 new wards created: Birr Rawarrang Ward and Gumurr Miyarrka Ward (2 elected members each) from existing Gumurr Gatjirrk Ward and Gumurr Miyarrka Ward (4 to 6 wards). ▶ Changes to number of members for Anindilyakwa and Gumurr Gattjirk Wards from 3 to 2 (each). ▶ Total number of elected members increased from 12 to 14. ▶ All changes made in 2012.

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Groote Archipelago Regional Council	▶ Establishment of prospective Warnindilyakwa Regional Council. *Gazette Aug 2022* ▶ Name change to Groote Archipelago Regional Council. *Gazette July 2023* ▶ Constitution of Groote Archipelago Regional Council with 7 members effective 1 Sept 2024. *Gazette May 2024* ▶ Creation of 3 wards: Central (3 elected members), East (2 elected members), West (2 elected members). *Gazette January 2025*			
Katherine Town Council				
Litchfield Council		▶ East Ward abolished (reduction from 4 to 3 wards) ▶ Boundary changes to remaining Central, North and South Wards, each ward has 2 elected members. *Gazette Dec 2020*		
MacDonnell Regional Council				
City of Palmerston	▶ External boundaries expanded to include Pinelands, Elrundie, Tivendale, Wishart (most), East Arm (part), and Berrimah (part) effective 1 July 2022. *Gazette March 2022* ▶ 2022 Local Government Representation Review determination: Creation of 3 wards if number of elected members increased to 8 (recommended) or 2 wards if there were 7 elected members. *Gazette August 2023* ▶ Wards abolished by Local Government Minister. *Gazette March 2025*		▶ Number of elected members increased from 6 to 7 (council requested 8, not approved). *Gazette June 2017* ▶ Requested boundary extension to include land in Pinelands, Elrundie, Berrimah Farm, Holtze and Howard Springs (not approved).	

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Roper Gulf Regional Council			▶ Number of elected embers for Numbulwar Numburindi Ward increased from 1 to 2. ▶ Overall number of elected members increased from 12 to 13. *Gazette June 2017*	▶ Changes to boundaries of Never Never Ward (expanded) and Nyirranggulung Ward (reduced) (2012).
Tiwi Islands Regional Council			▶ 2 smaller wards (Wurankuwu and Nguiu Wards) merged to form one larger ward called Bathurst Island Ward (Local government department recommendation). *Gazette June 2017*	
Victoria Daly Regional Council			▶ No changes – but noted a possible future boundary extension request to include Douglas Daly and Lajamanu. ▶ See West Daly Regional Council for changes made in 2014.	▶ Number of elected members for Timber Creek Ward reduced from 2 to 1 (2012).
Wagait Shire Council			▶ Number of elected of members reduced from 7 to 5. *Gazette June 2017*	
West Arnhem Regional Council		▶ Barrah Ward abolished. ▶ Creation of 2 new wards covering former Barrah Ward area: Minjilang Ward (1 elected member) and Warruwi Ward (1 elected member). *Gazette December 2020*	▶ Number of elected of members for Maningrida Ward increased from 3 to 4. ▶ Number of elected of members for Barrah Ward reduced from 3 to 2. ▶ Both were recommendations by the local government department. *Gazette June 2017*	
West Daly Regional Council			▶ 3 wards from Victoria Daly Regional Council transferred to create a new West Daly Regional Council: Nganmarriyanga Ward (1 elected member), Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward (4 elected members), Tyemirri Ward (1 elected member) effective 1 July 2014. *Gazette June 2014*	