NT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Submissions open for Local Government Representation Review 2026

Submissions are now open for the 2026 Local Government Representation Review, giving local organisations, community leaders and residents the opportunity to help shape how their communities are represented by local government councils.

Conducted after every local government periodic general election, the Territory-wide review assesses whether council boundaries, wards and representation arrangements continue to fairly represent local cities, towns and communities as populations and regions change. The review examines whether there should be any changes to:

- ward boundaries
- number of wards
- number of elected members
- ward names
- local government area boundaries.

Population changes, the ratio of elected members to residents, and physical size of electorates are all considered.

“Submissions from the everyone interested in their community are critical to help us better understand local needs across all neighbourhoods, communities and areas,” said 2026 Local Government Representation Review Chair Mary Watson.

The committee will make preliminary recommendations for further consultation in early 2027 before presenting the final recommendations to the NT Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Community Development who will make any decisions.

First submissions close on 2 October 2026.

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