



Finding the balance

BARTIER PERRY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM
6 September 2023 – *Pullman Sydney Hyde Park*

Bartier Perry is proud to present our 2023 Local Government Forum on Wednesday 6 September at the Pullman Sydney Hyde Park.

Bringing together NSW Local Councils, we invite you to attend our half day event to connect and share with your peers.

Planning for the future needs of our communities is a key focus for local councils. With so much change over the past couple of years in the way we live, work and do business, what will those future needs be? How can we ensure that our plans will minimise risk and maximise opportunities, while remaining flexible enough to respond to sudden changes?

Our guest presenter The Hon. Steve Kamper MP will provide his insights and our own Bartier Perry experts will explore topics including privacy, insolvent contractors and how best to support recovery at work when injuries happen.

We hope you can join us for this free, in-depth forum on the major issues facing local government, and approaches for successfully managing them.



The Hon. Steve Kamper MP
Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism,
Minister for Sport and Minister for Small Business

Steve Kamper will be serving the 58th Parliament as the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport.

An accountant and businessman, Steve has worked in both public and private sectors, having founded multiple successful businesses including Coverforce, Australia's largest privately owned insurance broker.

Venue

[Pullman Sydney Hyde Park](#) –
36 College Street Sydney

Cost

Free of charge

Parking

Discounted self-car parking is available at the hotel at \$35 per day for conference delegates. Space is limited.

Nearest train stations:

Museum, Town Hall and St James

Register here

To book visit [Bartier Perry Local Government Forum](#)

RSVP by 25 August

Feel free to extend this invitation to your Council colleagues where appropriate.

PROGRAM

8.30am Registration

9.00am Welcome by Bartier Perry CEO Riana Steyn followed by the keynote address by The Hon. Steve Kamper MP.

9.45am Morning Tea

10.15am Concurrent sessions:

Easements - finding the balance in protecting councils' interests in land

Presenters: Melissa Potter & Edward Choi

In this session we will cover:

- practical guidance on steps, implications and considerations to creating, releasing and extinguishing easements through land dealings from council's perspective
- alternate avenues when confronting an impasse involving easements.

Finding the balance – why 'fairness and reasonableness' are so important

Presenters: Linda Mackinlay & Andrew Yahl

The perception of what is fair and reasonable is more important than ever when navigating employment issues. In this session we look at how best to navigate and manage:

- employee requests (for example, flexible work requests or requests for reasonable adjustments) during the employee relationship
- investigations or show cause processes when employees may try to delay the process at the 'pointy end' of the employment relationship.

Spotlight on privacy and data protection

Presenter: Jason Sprague

The last 12 months has seen much activity in the privacy and data security space which directly affects local councils, including the introduction of a mandatory notification of data breach scheme and the publication of The Cyber Security Guidelines – Local Government (which outlines cyber security standards recommended for NSW Local Government by Cyber Security NSW).

In this session we will:

- provide practical guidance on managing privacy including data security, data breach risks and best practice incident management
- cover the impending Mandatory Data Breach Reporting Obligations
- discuss what should be on our privacy radars.

11.15am Concurrent sessions:

Recovery: Championing recovery at work – holistic and strategic support of both the worker and the council employer

Presenter: Mick Franco

This session explores:

- the layers of obligations on workers who have experienced a psychological injury and, for councils, the operational impact of supporting recovery at work as well as the welfare impact on other employees
- different strategies, tips and guidance aimed at achieving best practice through the lens of real life examples.

The delivery of affordable and efficient housing

Presenters: Dennis Loether & Maja Podinic

A hot topic for everyone in NSW – in this session we will discuss:

- the government's response to delivering affordable and efficient housing and what it means for councils
- Planning Agreements – an update on recent developments in case law
- Development Contributions – everything you need to know to understand the current legislative framework.

Insolvent contractors - protecting councils' interests and balancing the risks

Presenter: David Creais

With economic pressures increasing, particularly in the construction industry, the likelihood that council will find itself dealing with an insolvent contractor is strong.

In this session we:

- identify risks and issues that arise when council is faced with an insolvent contractor
- explain how council can defend itself against claims by insolvent contractors
- explore avenues to recover damages from insolvent contractors.

12.15pm Lunch

1.30pm Conference concludes