



New South Wales

# Regional Communities (Consultation Standards) Act 2024 No 70

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# **Regional Communities (Consultation Standards) Act 2024 No 70**

Act No 70, 2024

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An Act to provide that consultation of regional communities by government bodies and agencies be carried out in a proper and effective manner. [Assented to 23 October 2024]

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—**

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Regional Communities (Consultation Standards) Act 2024*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**3 Definition**

In this Act—

**regional community** means a community outside the Greater Sydney Region.

**Note—** The *Interpretation Act 1987* contains definitions and other provisions that affect the interpretation and application of this Act.

**4 Consultation with regional communities to comply with standards**

- (1) A consultation with a regional community must be carried out having regard to the consultation guide if the consultation is—
  - (a) primarily directed to, or primarily impacts on, the health, cultural, environmental, economic, educational or other well-being of persons in the regional community, and
  - (b) to be carried out by or for the State, a NSW Government agency or a statutory body representing the Crown.
- (2) This section does not apply to—
  - (a) a consultation required by or under another Act to be carried out in a specified way, or
  - (b) a consultation in relation to the exercise of a function that is not subject to the direction or control of a Minister.
- (3) A failure to comply with this section does not affect the validity of a consultation.
- (4) In this section—

**consultation guide** means a Consultation with Regional Communities Guide issued from time to time by the Premier and published in the Gazette.

[Second reading speech made in—

Legislative Assembly on 20 June 2024

Legislative Council on 15 October 2024]