



New South Wales

Regional Development Amendment (Advisory Council) Regulation 2024

under the

Regional Development Act 2004

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following regulation under the *Regional Development Act 2004*.

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Minister for Regional New South Wales

Explanatory note

The object of this regulation is to amend the *Regional Development Regulation 2018* to make changes to—

- (a) the requirements in appointing members to the Regional Development Advisory Council, and
- (b) the meeting procedure of the Regional Development Advisory Council.

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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Regional Development Amendment (Advisory Council) Regulation 2024*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Regional Development Regulation 2018

[1] Section 3 Definitions

Insert in alphabetical order in section 3(1)—

relevant subject matter area means the following—

- (a) climate adaptation and resilience,
- (b) community service activities,
- (c) the development of new regional industries,
- (d) the education sector,
- (e) finance,
- (f) local government,
- (g) natural resource management,
- (h) primary industries,
- (i) public administration,
- (j) regional and rural economics,
- (k) regional housing development,
- (l) regional planning and infrastructure,
- (m) small business.

[2] Section 4A Regional Development Advisory Council—the Act, s 12

Omit section 4A(3). Insert instead—

(3) The Advisory Council must comprise the following—

- (a) at least 3, but no more than 5, members who, in the Minister’s opinion, have relevant experience in 1 or more relevant subject matter areas,
- (b) 1 person who—
 - (i) is an Aboriginal person, and
 - (ii) has knowledge and experience of supporting economic development within Aboriginal communities,
- (c) 1 representative of—
 - (i) Regional Development Australia, or
 - (ii) another body which, in the Minister’s opinion, deals with regional matters.

(3A) The following must be taken into account in determining the appointment of a person as a member of the Advisory Council—

- (a) whether the person has lived and worked in a regional area,
- (b) whether the person’s appointment would contribute to the Advisory Council having a range of skills, experiences and backgrounds.

[3] Section 4A(5)(a)

Omit “other than the Secretary of the Department of Regional NSW,”.

[4] Schedule 1 Constitution and procedure of Advisory Council

Insert in alphabetical order in clause 1—

department means the department in which the Act is administered.

[5] Schedule 1, clause 2(4)

Omit the subclause.

[6] Schedule 1, clause 4(1)(i)

Omit “more, or”. Insert instead “more.”.

[7] Schedule 1, clause 4(1)(j)

Omit the paragraph.

[8] Schedule 1, clauses 16 and 17

Insert after clause 15—

16 Observers

The Secretary and other members of staff of the department are permitted to attend all parts of an Advisory Council meeting as observers.

17 Administrative support

Members of staff of the department must provide administrative support for Advisory Council meetings.