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Part 1 General

1 Name of Proclamation

This Proclamation is the *Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016*.

2 Commencement

This Proclamation commences on the day and at the time at which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Proclamation:

amalgamation day means the time of the day on which this Proclamation commences.

assets means any legal or equitable estate or interest (whether present or future, whether vested or contingent and whether personal or assignable) in real or personal property of any description (including money), and includes securities, choses in action and documents.

Chief Executive means the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government.

former area means an area amalgamated by this Proclamation.

former council means the council of a former area.

initial period means the period commencing on the amalgamation day and ending immediately before the first meeting of the new council held after the first council elections for the council.

liabilities means any liabilities, debts or obligations (whether present or future, whether vested or contingent and whether personal or assignable).

new area means an area constituted by this Proclamation.

new council means the council of a new area constituted by section 219 of the Act.

register of public surveys means the register of that name kept under the [Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002](#).

rights means any rights, powers, privileges or immunities (whether present or future, whether vested or contingent and whether personal or assignable).

the Act means the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

the regulations means regulations made under the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

Note—

The Act and the [Interpretation Act 1987](#) contain definitions and other provisions that affect the interpretation and application of this Proclamation.

(2) Notes included in this Proclamation do not form part of this Proclamation.

4 Amalgamated areas

(1) The areas specified in the Table to this subclause are amalgamated to constitute new areas when this Proclamation commences with:

- (a) the name specified beside the areas in the Table, and
- (b) the boundaries shown for each area on the maps kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day and having the identifier numbers specified beside the new areas in the Table.

Table

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Areas amalgamated	Name of new areas	Map identifier numbers
Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra	Armidale Regional	PP4966
Ashfield, Leichhardt, Marrickville	Inner West	PP4967
City of Bankstown, City of Canterbury	Canterbury-Bankstown	PP4968
Bombala, Cooma-Monaro Shire, Snowy River	Snowy Monaro Regional	PP4969
Boorowa, Harden, Young	Hilltops	PP4970
Conargo, Deniliquin	Edward River	PP4973
Cootamundra, Gundagai	Gundagai	PP4974
Corowa Shire, Urana	Federation	PP4984

City of Dubbo, Wellington	Western Plains Regional	PP4975
Gloucester, Great Lakes, City of Greater Taree	Mid-Coast	PP4986
City of Gosford, Wyong	Central Coast	PP4976
City of Hurstville, City of Kogarah	Georges River	PP4977
Jerilderie, Murrumbidgee	Murrumbidgee	PP4982
Manly, Pittwater, Warringah	Northern Beaches	PP4983
Murray, Wakool	Murray River	PP4978
Palerang, City of Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional	PP4987
Tumbarumba, Tumut Shire	Snowy Valleys	PP4981

- (2) The councils of the areas amalgamated by this Proclamation are dissolved.
- (3) Schedules 1–17 contain provisions relating to the areas, and councils of those areas, established by this clause.
- (4) The area of a new area includes all land contained within each of the former areas incorporated in the new area by this Proclamation.

5 Matters or things to be determined by Minister

- (1) For the purposes of giving effect to this Proclamation, the Minister may from time to time determine any matter or thing at the Minister’s discretion or if a new council or an Administrator refers any matter or thing requiring determination to the Minister for that purpose.
- (2) The Minister may delegate any function of the Minister under this clause to the Chief Executive.
- (3) The Chief Executive may sub-delegate to any person any function delegated to the Chief Executive under this clause.

6 References to former areas and councils

A reference in any Act or instrument to:

- (a) a former council whose former area is incorporated in one new area by this Proclamation, or to a predecessor of the former council, is taken to be a reference to the new council, or
- (b) a former area that is incorporated in one new area by this Proclamation, or to a predecessor of the former area, is taken to be a reference to that part of the new area

that consists of the former area or the predecessor area incorporated in the new area.

7 Powers under Act

- (1) Nothing in this Proclamation limits the powers under the Act of a new council or any other person to take any action to change any matter specified by this Proclamation at any time after the initial period.

Note—

Examples of such changes might include changes to the method of election of mayors, changes to wards and changes to councillor numbers.

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply in respect of a matter specified in this Proclamation relating to rates for the 2016/2017 rating year.
- (3) A public inquiry under Part 8 of Chapter 13 of the Act into a matter relating to a former council or the members or staff of a former council that was commenced but not completed before the amalgamation day may be continued and completed as if the former council had not ceased to exist.

8 County councils

- (1) To avoid doubt, the constitution and operation of a county council, as existing immediately before the amalgamation day, is not affected by any changes to councils or council areas effected by this Proclamation.
- (1A) The following provisions apply for the purposes of the continuance of the operation of a county council under this clause:
 - (a) a new council is taken to be a constituent council of a county council instead of a former council if the former council was a constituent council of the county council immediately before the amalgamation day,
 - (b) the number of members to be elected by the new council to the county council's governing body is to be the same as the total number of members of the former councils on the governing body,
 - (c) until the first election of members of the county council's governing body following the amalgamation day, the Administrator of the new council may exercise the functions (including the voting rights) that would be able to be exercised by persons elected to the governing body by the new council,
 - (d) until the first election of members of the county council's governing body following the amalgamation day, the Administrator is to be the chairperson of the county council if the chairperson immediately before the amalgamation day was a councillor of a former council,
 - (e) elections for the chairperson of the county council and for members of the county

council are to be held within 2 months after the first ordinary election of councillors for the new council.

- (2) This clause does not prevent a change being made to the constitution or operation of a county council or the dissolution of a county council in accordance with the Act at any time during or after the initial period.

9 Planning panels

- (1) A person nominated as a member of a joint regional planning panel by a former council may continue to exercise and complete any function being exercised by that person as a member immediately before the amalgamation day.
- (2) A function exercised under subclause (1) is taken to be exercised by the member as a nominee of the applicable new council.
- (3) A person nominated as a member of a joint regional planning panel by a former council ceases to be a nominee of an applicable council and a member of the panel on the amalgamation day, except for the purpose of exercising a function under subclause (1).
- (4) In this clause:

joint regional planning panel has the same meaning as in the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

Part 2 Operations of councils

Division 1 Preliminary

10 Definitions

In this Part:

Administrator means a person who is appointed under this Proclamation as an Administrator of a new council during the initial period.

contributions plan has the same meaning as in Division 6 of Part 4 of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

deputy general manager means the person appointed by or under this Proclamation as a deputy general manager of a new council.

development control plan has the same meaning as in the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

former area, in relation to a new council, means a former area amalgamated into the area of the council by this Proclamation.

former council, in relation to a new council, means a council of a former area amalgamated into the area of the new council by this Proclamation.

interim general manager means the person appointed by or under this Proclamation as an interim general manager of a new council.

Division 2 Governance

11 First election

- (1) The date of the first election of the councillors of a new council is 9 September 2017.
- (2) The election is taken to be an ordinary election of councillors for the purposes of the Act or the regulations (other than for the purposes of the application of provisions relating to the administration and holding of first elections for councils and first mayors for councils).
- (3) Any contract, agreement or other arrangement entered into by a former council for the administration of an election for a former council is terminated by operation of this clause.
- (4) Clause 33 (2) applies to the termination of a contract, agreement or other arrangement by operation of this clause.

12 Administrators for new councils

- (1) If a person appointed as an Administrator of a new council declines the appointment or ceases to hold office under clause 13, the Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, appoint another person as Administrator of the council.
- (2) The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, appoint an additional person or persons as Administrators of a new council, if the Minister is of the opinion that it is necessary to do so for the purposes of facilitating the operations of the council.
- (3) The Administrator of a new council has, during the initial period, the functions of the council and the mayor of the council. This subclause is subject to the provisions of this Proclamation and to any order appointing another Administrator.
- (4) If an additional Administrator is appointed:
 - (a) each Administrator has the functions specified in the instrument of appointment, and
 - (b) the Minister may give directions for the purpose of resolving any issues that arise as a result of there being more than one Administrator.
- (5) The salary of an Administrator is to be determined by the Minister and paid from the funds of the new council.

- (5A) An Administrator who exercises any functions referred to in clause 8 is to be paid a fee for the exercise of those functions that is determined by the Minister and paid from the funds of the county council.
- (6) For the purposes of the Act, an Administrator does not, in that position, hold an office or a place of profit under the new council.

13 Vacation of office by Administrators

- (1) The Minister may, by instrument in writing published in the Gazette, terminate an Administrator's appointment at any time.
- (2) An Administrator ceases to hold office:
 - (a) immediately before the end of the initial period, or
 - (b) if the Administrator's appointment is earlier terminated by the Minister, or
 - (c) if the Administrator dies.

14 Interim general managers and deputy general managers

- (1) If a person appointed as an interim general manager of a new council declines the appointment or the appointment is terminated or the office of interim general manager is vacated for any other reason, the Administrator of the new council may appoint another person as the interim general manager of the council.
- (2) The Administrator of a new council or the new council may, at any time, terminate the appointment of an interim general manager or a deputy general manager appointed under this Proclamation. Any such termination is to be consistent with the terms of any applicable contract of employment for the interim general manager or deputy general manager.
- (3) If a person appointed as an interim general manager was, immediately before the amalgamation day, the general manager of a council, the person has the same rights and entitlements as if the person were a senior staff member who was transferred to the new council under this Proclamation.

Note—

Under clause 406C of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, a transferred staff member is transferred under the same contract of employment (including the term of appointment) and retains accrued leave entitlements.

- (4) If a person appointed as a deputy general manager was, immediately before the amalgamation day, the general manager of a council, the person has the same rights and entitlements (apart from the person's position) as if the person were a senior staff member who was transferred to the new council under this Proclamation.
- (5) Despite subclauses (3) and (4), the Administrator may vary (but not reduce) the

remuneration that would otherwise be payable to the interim general manager or deputy general manager.

- (6) The operation of this clause is not to be regarded as a breach of contract between a former council or the new council and a senior staff member (including a general manager).
- (7) Nothing in this clause prevents:
 - (a) the extension of the term of appointment of an interim general manager or a deputy general manager, or
 - (b) the determination of a staff organisation structure for a new council that does not include the position of one or more deputy general managers.
- (8) Section 336 (2) and (3) of the Act apply to a person appointed as an interim general manager.

15 Election of mayor following first election

The mayor of a new council is to be elected by councillors in accordance with the Act.

Division 3 Council activities

16 Obligations of new councils

A new council is to use its best endeavours to facilitate the operation of this Proclamation, including sharing information, agreeing about required matters and working co-operatively with other councils.

17 Activities of former councils

- (1) Anything done or omitted to be done by a former council and having any force or effect immediately before the amalgamation day continues to have effect as if it had been done or omitted to be done by the new council.
- (2) Without limiting subclause (1):
 - (a) any approval, order or notice given or made by a former council, and that had effect immediately before the amalgamation day, continues to have effect as if it had been given or made by the new council, and
 - (b) anything commenced but not completed by a former council may be completed or discontinued by the new council.
- (3) This clause does not:
 - (a) limit any other provision of this Proclamation, or
 - (b) apply to the extent to which it is inconsistent with any other provision of this

Proclamation.

18 Delegations

- (1) A delegation by a former council that was in force immediately before the amalgamation day is taken to be a delegation by the new council and may be revoked or amended accordingly.
- (2) A delegation by a former council to the general manager of that council that was in force immediately before the amalgamation day is taken to be a delegation by the new council to the interim general manager and may be revoked or amended accordingly.

19 Codes, plans, strategies and policies

- (1) The codes, plans, strategies and policies of the new council are to be, as far as practicable, a composite of the corresponding codes, plans, strategies and policies of each of the former councils.
- (2) This clause ceases to have effect in relation to a code, plan, strategy or policy when the new council adopts a code, plan, strategy or policy that replaces that code, plan, strategy or policy.
- (3) This clause does not apply to the extent to which it is inconsistent with any other provision of this Proclamation.

20 Code of conduct and meeting code

- (1) The code of conduct for a new council is to be the model code (within the meaning of section 440 of the Act) until a code of conduct is adopted by the council in accordance with the Act.
- (2) The procedure for dealing with alleged contraventions of the code of conduct is to be the model procedure (within the meaning of section 440AA of the Act) until a procedure is adopted by the new council in accordance with the Act.
- (3) Any provision of a code of meeting practice applied to a new council by this Proclamation that restricts the holding of meetings to places in a former area applies so that the restriction relates to places in the new area.

21 Development control plans and contributions plans

- (1) A development control plan or contributions plan that applied to a former area immediately before the amalgamation day continues to apply to that part of the area of the new council that consists of the former area.
- (2) This clause ceases to have effect when the development control plan or contributions plan is repealed.

- (3) To avoid doubt, nothing in this clause prevents the new council from amending a development control plan or contributions plan.

22 Strategic planning

- (1) The day by which a new council must have an operational plan is 1 August 2016.
- (2) The day by which a new council must review its community strategic plan, following the first election for the council, is 1 July 2018.
- (3) The day by which a new council must establish a new delivery program, following the first election for the council, is 1 July 2018.
- (4) The delivery program is to be for the period commencing on 1 July 2018 and ending on 30 June 2021.

23 Payment of outstanding rates, charges and fees

Any rates, annual charges or other fees payable to a former council in respect of any land in the area of a new council, that were not paid before the amalgamation day or for which payment is due after that day, are payable to the new council.

24 Authorisation of expenditure pending operational plan

A new council may hold a meeting for the purposes of approving expenditure and voting money for the period from 1 July 2016 until the adoption by the council of the first operational plan for the council.

25 Rating structure and categorisation of land for rating purposes

- (1) This clause applies to the levying of rates for the 2016/2017 rating year.
- (2) The structure for rates applied by a former council to rates levied for a parcel of land in a former area for the 2015/2016 rating year is to be applied by the new council to that parcel.
- (3) The category or sub-category applied to a parcel of land in a former area for rating purposes for the 2015/2016 rating year is to be applied by the new council to that parcel.
- (4) It does not matter that different rating structures apply to different parcels because of subclause (2).
- (5) This clause does not prevent a person from applying for a review of a category under section 525 of the Act or from making an appeal under section 526 of the Act.
- (6) The rating structure is to be reviewed within the first term of the new council following the first election of the council.

26 Calculation of notional general income for rating purposes

- (1) A new council's notional general income for 2016/2017 is to be determined by adding together the amount of general income for each of the former areas in the area of the new council, determined as if the amalgamation effected by this Proclamation had not taken place.
- (2) Any variation of a former council's notional general income under Part 2 of Chapter 15 of the Act that would have been applicable, had an amalgamation effected by this Proclamation not taken place, to the determination of the amount of rates and charges for land within the area of a new council during a particular period continues to apply to the determination of rates and charges in respect of that land.

27 Reports and reviews

- (1) A new council is to prepare audited financial reports for the former councils, in respect of the period from 1 July 2015 to the end of the day on which this Proclamation was published on the NSW legislation website, on or before 31 December 2016.
- (2) The first annual report (including the audited financial reports) of a new council is to relate to the period commencing at the beginning of the day after the day on which this Proclamation was published on the NSW legislation website and ending on 30 June 2017.
- (2A) Financial reports and audits of financial reports may be prepared for the periods specified in this clause despite any requirements of the Act relating to them.
- (3) For the purposes of the preparation of the first annual report (including the audited financial reports) of a new council, the Act and the regulations apply as if a reference to a year were a reference to the period referred to in subclause (2).
- (4) Any report or review that is required to be carried out by a new council, and that relates to a period before the amalgamation day, may be carried out by reference to the former areas, as the case requires.

28 Auditor of council

- (1) The auditor of a new council is to be determined by the council and is to be a person who provided auditing services to one or more of the former councils immediately before the amalgamation day.
- (2) Any contract, agreement or other arrangement made by a former council with any other person to provide auditing services is terminated by operation of this clause.
- (3) Clause 33 (2) applies to the termination of a contract, agreement or other arrangement by operation of this clause.

Division 4 Staff of councils

29 Organisation structure

The initial organisation structure of a new council is, as far as practicable, to be a composite of the organisation structures of each of the former councils.

30 Transfer of senior staff

- (1) Any position that, immediately before the amalgamation day, was a senior staff position of a former council is taken to be a senior position of the new council.
- (2) A person who held any such senior staff position immediately before the amalgamation day is taken to be the holder of that position in the organisation structure of the new council.
- (3) This clause does not apply to a person appointed as an interim general manager or a deputy general manager under this Proclamation.
- (4) This clause is subject to any determination of an organisation structure by the new council.

31 Transfer of other staff

Each member of staff (other than senior staff) of a former council immediately before the amalgamation day is transferred to the new council.

Note—

Part 6 of Chapter 11 of the Act contains provisions relating to transferred non-senior staff.

Division 5 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities

32 Transfer of assets, rights and liabilities

The assets, rights and liabilities of the former councils are transferred to the new council.

33 Provisions relating to transfers of assets, rights and liabilities

- (1) When any assets, rights or liabilities are transferred pursuant to this Proclamation from a former council to a new council, the following provisions have effect:
 - (a) the assets of the former council vest in the new council by virtue of this clause and without the need for any further conveyance, transfer, assignment or assurance,
 - (b) the rights or liabilities of the former council become, by virtue of this clause, the rights or liabilities of the new council,
 - (c) (Repealed)

- (d) any act, matter or thing done or omitted to be done in relation to the assets, rights or liabilities before the transfer by, to or in respect of the former council or a predecessor of the former council is (to the extent to which that act, matter or thing has any force or effect) taken to have been done or omitted by, to or in respect of the new council,
- (e) the new council has all the entitlements and obligations of the former council in relation to those assets, rights and liabilities that the former council would have had but for the transfer, whether or not those entitlements and obligations were actual or potential at the time of the transfer.

Note—

Clause 6 translates references in any instrument to former councils or areas and their predecessors.

- (2) The operation of this clause is not to be regarded:
 - (a) as a breach of contract or confidence or otherwise as a civil wrong, or
 - (b) as a breach of any contractual provision prohibiting, restricting or regulating the assignment or transfer of assets, rights or liabilities, or
 - (c) as giving rise to any remedy by a party to an instrument, or as causing or permitting the termination of any instrument, because of a change in the beneficial or legal ownership of any asset, right or liability, or
 - (d) as an event of default under any contract or other instrument.
- (3) The Minister may, by notice in writing, confirm a transfer of particular assets, rights or liabilities. The notice is conclusive evidence of that transfer.
- (4) No attornment to the transferee by a lessee from the former council is required.

34 Continuation or institution of proceedings by or against new councils

- (1) Proceedings that were instituted by or against a former council before its dissolution, or that could have been instituted by or against a former council but for its dissolution, may be continued or instituted by or against the new council.
- (2) For that purpose:
 - (a) proceedings instituted by or against the former council are taken to be proceedings instituted by or against the new council, and
 - (b) anything done by or in relation to the former council is taken to have been done by or in relation to the new council.
- (3) In this clause:

proceedings means criminal proceedings, civil proceedings, civil penalty proceedings

or other legal proceedings (including the issue of penalty notices for alleged offences and proceedings arising out of the issue of any such penalty notice).

Schedule 1 Provisions for Armidale Regional Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Armidale Regional Council.

2 Description of area

The Armidale Regional area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Ian Tiley is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general managers

The interim general manager of the new council is Glen Wilcox.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Peter Stewart.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 11.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Armidale Dumaresq Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 2 Provisions for Canterbury-Bankstown Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

2 Description of area

The Canterbury-Bankstown area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Richard Colley is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Matthew Stewart.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Jim Montague.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 15.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 5 wards having the boundaries shown for the Canterbury-Bankstown area on the map with the identifier number PP4989-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Bankstown City Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 3 Provisions for Central Coast Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Central Coast Council.

2 Description of area

The Central Coast area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Ian Reynolds is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Rob Noble.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Paul Anderson.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 15.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 5 wards having the boundaries shown for the Central Coast area on the map with the identifier number PP4994-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Wyong Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 4 Provisions for Edward River Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Edward River Council.

2 Description of area

The Edward River area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Ashley Hall is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Des Bilske.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Barry Barlow.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Deniliquin Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 5 Provisions for Federation Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Federation Council.

2 Description of area

The Federation area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Mike Eden is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Chris Gillard.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Adrian Butler.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Corowa Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 6 Provisions for Georges River Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Georges River Council.

2 Description of area

The Georges River area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

John Rayner is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Gail Connolly.

5 Deputy general managers

The deputy general managers of the new council are Laurie O'Connor and Paul Woods.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 15.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 5 wards having the boundaries shown for the Georges River area on the map with the identifier number PP4995-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Hurstville City Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 7 Provisions for Gundagai Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Gundagai Council.

2 Description of area

The Gundagai area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Christine Ferguson is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Ken Tretheway.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Phillip McMurray.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Cootamundra Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 8 Provisions for Hilltops Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Hilltops Council.

2 Description of area

The Hilltops area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Wendy Tuckerman is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Anthony McMahon.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is David Aber.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 11.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Young Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 9 Provisions for Inner West Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Inner West Council.

2 Description of area

The Inner West area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Richard Pearson is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Vanessa Chan.

5 Deputy general managers

The deputy general managers of the new council are Peter Head and Brian Barrett.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 15.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 5 wards having the boundaries shown for the Inner West area on the map with the identifier number PP4988-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Leichhardt Municipal Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 10 Provisions for Mid-Coast Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Mid-Coast Council.

2 Description of area

The Mid-Coast area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

John Turner is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Glenn Handford.

5 Deputy general managers

The deputy general managers of the new council are Ron Posselt and Danny Green.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 11.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Gloucester Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 11 Provisions for Murray River Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Murray River Council.

2 Description of area

The Murray River area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

David Shaw is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Margot Stork.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Lea Rosser.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 3 wards having the boundaries shown for the Murray River area on the map with the identifier number PP4996-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former The Council of the Shire of Wakool is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 12 Provisions for Murrumbidgee Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Murrumbidgee Council.

2 Description of area

The Murrumbidgee area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Austin Evans is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Craig Moffitt.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Phil Pinyon.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 3 wards having the boundaries shown for the Murrumbidgee area on the map with the identifier number PP5000-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Jerilderie Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 13 Provisions for Northern Beaches Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Northern Beaches Council.

2 Description of area

The Northern Beaches area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Dick Persson is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Mark Ferguson.

5 Deputy general managers

The deputy general managers of the new council are Henry Wong and Rik Hart.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 15.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 5 wards having the boundaries shown for the Northern Beaches area on the map with the identifier number PP5001-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Manly Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 14 Provisions for Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

2 Description of area

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Tim Overall is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Peter Tegart.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Peter Bascomb.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 11.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Palerang Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 15 Provisions for Snowy Monaro Regional Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

2 Description of area

The Snowy Monaro Regional area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Dean Lynch is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Joseph Vescio.

5 Deputy general managers

The deputy general managers of the new council are John Vucic and Ngairie McCrindle.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 11.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Cooma-Monaro Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 16 Provisions for Snowy Valleys Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Snowy Valleys Council.

2 Description of area

The Snowy Valleys area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Paul Sullivan is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Bob Stewart.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Kay Whitehead.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is not to be divided into wards for the first election.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Tumut Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

Schedule 17 Provisions for Western Plains Regional Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Western Plains Regional Council.

2 Description of area

The Western Plains Regional area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register

of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Michael Kniepp is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Mark Riley.

5 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 10.

6 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 5 wards having the boundaries shown for the Western Plains Regional area on the map with the identifier number PP4993-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

7 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Wellington Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.