

**Local Government Principles**

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### 4 Local government principles underpin this Act

- (1) To ensure the system of local government is accountable, effective, efficient and sustainable, Parliament requires—
  - (a) anyone who is performing a responsibility under this Act to do so in accordance with the local government principles; and
  - (b) any action that is taken under this Act to be taken in a way that—
    - (i) is consistent with the local government principles; and
    - (ii) provides results that are consistent with the local government principles, in as far as the results are within the control of the person who is taking the action.
- (2) The *local government principles* are—
  - (a) transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest; and
  - (b) sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services; and
  - (c) democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement; and
  - (d) good governance of, and by, local government; and
  - (e) ethical and legal behaviour of councillors, local government employees and councillor advisors.