

**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**  
(To Elected Members and CEOs)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1999**

**VARIATION OF REG. 15A TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL  
IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ITS PUBLIC CONSULTATION POLICY  
WITH RESPECT TO LEASES OR LICENCES OVER LAND WITHIN THE  
CENTRAL MARKET COMPLEX**

Regulations have been made to vary the Local Government (General) Regulations 1999. The regulations are available in the Government Gazette of 1 March 2001, and come into operation on that date.

The General Regulations have been varied to exempt the Adelaide City Council from the requirement to consult with the public with respect to each lease or licence it grants over land within the Central Market Complex, so as to facilitate the retention of that land within the classification of "community land" under the Local Government Act 1999.

The reason for the exemption is not that the leases and licences are commercial in nature but that the Central Market is a special case administratively. There are more than 80 leases and licences of differing terms, including some longer than 5 years, on the same site, and the community interest does not lie in whether any particular lease or licence is granted but in the retention of the overall market character of the land. Public consultation on the overall management of the Central Market will still occur as part of the process of preparation of the management plan for the Central Market Complex, which the Adelaide City Council will now take early steps to commence.

If there is any other Council with a similar case, ie

- a market, bazaar or similar use is established on community land, and
- Council issues numerous leases or licences, some longer than 5 years, integral to the use of the land as a market,

the Council should contact the Office of Local Government (tel. 8207 0600) so that any case for a similar exemption can be considered on its merits.

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