

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER
(To Elected Members and CEOs)

FORMAT OF COUNCIL BUDGET STATEMENTS

Last year I sought a copy of your Council's budget statements for 2000/2001. I appreciate your cooperation in providing the information requested.

As the formulation of Council budgets and rating options for 2001/2002 is currently being undertaken, I would like to draw your attention to the legislative requirements relating to the presentation of the budget statements.

Regulation 5(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* prescribes a format for the budget statements. The format is located in the Schedule to the Regulations, which may be accessed on the Office of Local Government website at <http://www.localgovt.sa.gov.au/regulations.htm>

With the support of the Local Government Association's Financial Advisory Committee, the Council officers listed below have kindly offered to provide support to any Council requiring assistance to prepare budgets in the required format. Please contact one of these officers, Sue Forder, Senior Project Officer, Office of Local Government, telephone (08) 8207 0623, email forder.sue@saugovt.sa.gov.au or Stuart Mathews, Policy Officer, Local Government Association, telephone (08) 8224 2052, email stuart.mathews@lga.sa.gov.au should you require more information.

More generally, for any enquiries relating to the legislative requirements for financial statements please contact either Sue Forder at the Office of Local Government or Stuart Mathews at the Local Government Association.

I would appreciate a copy of your Council's 2001/2002 budget statements once they have been adopted.

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