

## South Australian Boards and Committees Interim Report

September 2014

On 22 September 2014 the South Australian Government's Board and Committees Interim Report was released. The Interim Report proposes the abolition of 105 State Government boards and committees, with a further 194 set to be reformed, merged or reclassified.

The consolidation process, which forms part of the whole-of-Government audit, is aimed at improving access to South Australian Government decision makers and reducing red tape. It is also anticipated that reform will assist agencies meet their savings targets.

The interim report will inform the SA Government in drafting of legislation to remove the legal requirements for the existence of these particular boards and committees.

Over the coming weeks, the SA Government will produce a final report, with the subsequent legislation to be finalised later in 2014.

The interim report is available [here](#).

Premier Weatherill's media release on the Interim Report is available [here](#).

### Recommendations

The report recommends that of the 429 State Government boards and committees:

- 105 be abolished;
- 18 be merged;
- 59 be reformed;
- 117 be reclassified;
- 58 be subject to further investigation before a final decision is made; and
- 72 be retained in their present form.

The Government boards and committees to be abolished span across a number of areas. The broad areas include tribunals and appeals boards, panels and advisory committees.

Some of the key administrative appeals and government accountability board to be abolished include the Equal Opportunity Tribunal, Residential Tenancies Tribunal, Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal, Teachers Appeal Board, Police Review and Disciplinary Tribunals.

Panels for the arts and creative industries being abolished include the Adelaide College for the Arts Advisory Committee, Disability Arts Peer Assessment Panel and State Theatre Company of South Australia Board.



The policy advisory committees and boards set to go include the Business Development Council, Energy Consumers Council, Fisheries Council of South Australia, Health and Medical Research Advisory Council, South Australian Tourism Commission Board.

The 117 boards that are subject to reclassification will still function but will no longer be considered Government boards. This list includes various animal ethics committees, local Health Advisory Councils and Local Dog Fence Boards, among others.

The full list of boards, and their position under the review, is available [here](#).