

The Authorisation & Delegation Instrument

(ii) What has changed?

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- The 2025 Instrument **replaces** the 2011 Delegation to Councils and the 2023 Temporary Delegation
- Councils have **more options** when regulating traffic and using prescribed traffic control devices
- Councils can simplify their practices if (and when) they choose
- 'Local Traffic Committee' is **replaced** by 'Local Transport Forum'

Key changes from the 2011 Delegation to Councils

- Local Traffic Committee is renamed Local Transport Forum (LTF) to better reflect its purpose/function
- In many cases, councils can manage their network (unclassified roads and all regional roads), including for events, without prior LTF review
- Councils can sub-delegate functions to staff
- Traffic Management Plans are no longer required at LTF (*but may still be required for other purposes such as the Work Health and Safety Act 2011*)
- Regional Traffic Committee has been discontinued
- Restrictions relating to 'nominated' train stations have been discontinued
- Simplified rules for use of portable traffic control lights and roadwork speed limit signs
- Pre-approvals or advance expressions of support are not required from council in order to refer to LTF

Consultation and referral of proposals

- Generally, council may decide which proposals to send to the LTF for advice or coordination.
- Prior referral to the LTF is only required where:
 - regulation of traffic exceeds 6 months in duration
 - public transport is negatively affected for more than 24 hours
- For proposals affecting buses, consultation with bus operators is required
- Transport and NSW Police must be given 7 days' notice of on-road public events

Local Transport Forum (LTF)

- Core membership is unchanged: Council, Transport, Police, local Member(s) of NSW Parliament
- Bus operators may be given a standing invite or invited where relevant proposals are on agenda
- Council has discretion to invite any others as observers or participants
- There is no voting and no requirement for unanimity

Resolving disagreement

- Councils are responsible for decisions on their network
- Transport may issue a 'Statement of Concern' following discussion at the LTF; this will document risks and make time (up to 14 days) for further discussion
- In rare cases, serious disagreements can be managed under existing legislation

Additional related references for practitioners

[NSW Design of Roads and Streets Manual \(DORAS\)](#)

[Guides](#)

[More resources](#)

[Cycleway Design Toolbox](#)

[Bus Route Map](#)

[Road classifications](#)

[Transport Standards Portal](#)

[Traffic Signs Register](#)



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