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UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW

The revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW came into effect from 27 June 2008.

The Department has now revised and updated the guidelines that support the Model Code.

The information contained in the guidelines is designed to achieve two objectives:

- a. To assist in the interpretation of the standards in the Model Code in each topic area
- b. To provide councils with suggestions for enhancing their codes of conduct.

The guidelines contain interpretive information and, in some cases, suggestions for additional information that councils could include in their codes. Where appropriate, case studies, examples and further reference material on the topic are provided.

The guidelines also provide information on the reporting of alleged breaches and dealing with complaints.

The Model Code of Conduct Education Package Facilitator's Guide has also been updated and a revised CD will be posted to councils to replace the information in the Facilitator's Guide folders that were sent to all councils in NSW in July 2005. This information will also be made available on the Department's website.



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