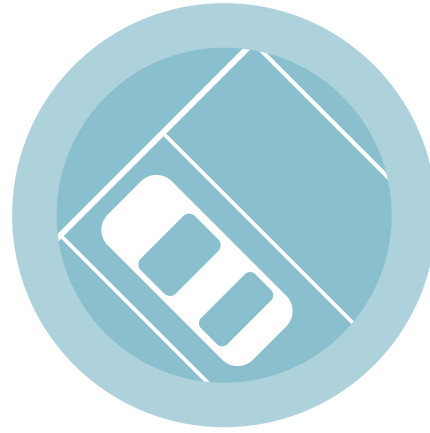
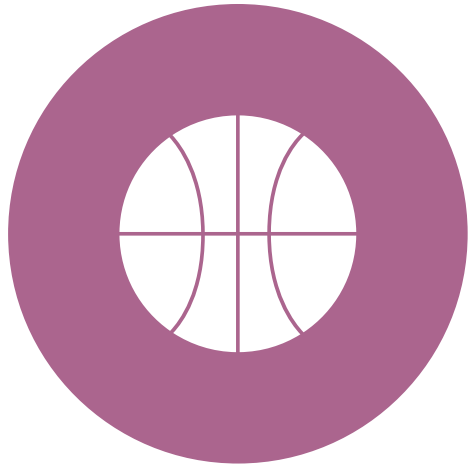




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Animal Control and Regulation

Urban animal management is a community service provided by the local government. This involves collecting and managing stray animals, maintaining pet ownership records, responding to complaints and issuing fines.



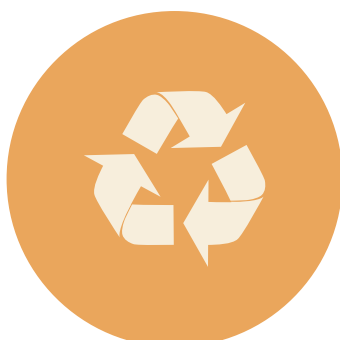
Building Permits

Certain approvals are usually required before building on any public or private land. Local governments have the power to approve or deny any building applications, based on legislation set down by the governments of each state.



Foot and Bike Paths

Local governments are responsible for maintaining a network of foot and bike paths that are safe, accessible and well-maintained. Foot and bike paths are inspected regularly and are replaced if they become damaged in any way.



Garbage Collection

The local government is responsible for collecting waste and disposing of it appropriately. Some rubbish becomes landfill, while other waste materials may be recycled and reused.

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Parking Facilities

Local governments are responsible for regulating where vehicles may park. They are also responsible for managing parking facilities. If a person parks their vehicle illegally, fines may be issued to the driver by a council parking inspector.



Public Libraries

Libraries are owned and operated by local governments. They are the most used public buildings in Australia, offering a wide range of services such as borrowing facilities, internet access, expert staff support and education classes.



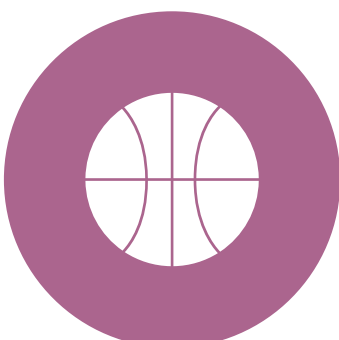
Parks and Gardens

Local governments are responsible for maintaining parks, gardens and reserves for the community to enjoy. These feature a range of facilities including playgrounds, barbeques, picnic areas, walking tracks and public toilets.



Roads, Bridges and Street Signs

About 85% of Australia's roads are local roads. These allow the community to access other people, places and services. Local roads are maintained by local governments, with some funding assistance from state and federal governments.



Sporting Facilities

Sporting facilities, such as playing fields, tennis courts and swimming pools, are managed and maintained by the local government. Councils work closely with sporting clubs to ensure that facilities meet the needs of the local community.