







Appendix two – Status of previous recommendations

Recommendation (year)	Current status
Legal framework (2020)	
OLG should clarify the legal framework relating to restrictions of water, sewerage and drainage funds (restricted reserves) by either seeking an amendment to the relevant legislation or by issuing a policy instrument to remove ambiguity from the current framework.	This recommendation has not been implemented. 
Accounting for rural fire equipment (2020)	
OLG should communicate the State's view that rural firefighting equipment is controlled by councils in the local government sector, and therefore this equipment should be properly recorded in their financial statements.	This recommendation has not been implemented.  OLG communicated the following to councils: 'The NSW Government has confirmed its view that these assets are not controlled by the NSW Rural Fire Services or the State. Councils need to assess whether they control any rural firefighting equipment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and recognise in their financial statements any material assets under their control and state the relevant accounting policy in relation to the treatment.' Refer to section 2.1 for further information on this issue.
Cybersecurity policy (2019)	
OLG should develop a cybersecurity policy by 30 June 2021 to ensure a consistent response to cybersecurity risks across councils.	This recommendation has not been implemented.  OLG are working with Cybersecurity NSW to develop a draft cybersecurity policy to share with councils.
Key:	 Fully addressed  Partially addressed  Not addressed