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Ahead of the upcoming local government elections, laws have been changed to set the population and number of councillors for the Shire of Christmas Island (SoCI).

SoCI currently has nine councillors which is reducing to seven for the October 2025 election.

This change aligns the Shire with WA Local Government Act reforms which are being implemented by the WA Government and ensures consistency with local governments in WA.

The changes were based on an estimate of the population of CI for the purposes of determining the minimum and maximum number of councillor positions, determined using Australian Bureau of Statistics data.

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