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We are excited to provide the first Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) Local Government (LG) Update. Similar to the 'BAM Assessor Updates' for accredited assessors, this regular update is intended to provide you with important information that supports the role of LG in implementing the BOS and making decisions about Biodiversity Development Assessment Reports (BDARs). With the transitional LG Support Officer program now completed, this LG Update is part of a package of support services we will continue to provide for LG. These updates will enable you to stay informed about new developments for the BOS and the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM).

You have received this update because you were previously receiving correspondence from your LG Support Officer. If you do not want to receive these updates, please let us know and we will take you off the mailing list. If you know other staff who could benefit from these updates, please forward this email. New readers can contact us at BAM.support@environment.nsw.gov.au to request to be added to the mailing list.

Please continue to use the information available on the [Local Government Resources](#) webpage and the [BOS Support](#) online enquiry form for further questions.

2. Systems Updates

LG access to the Biodiversity Offsets and Agreement Management System (BOAMS)

Data and assessment information contained in the BAM-Calculator that is used by an accredited assessor to prepare a BDAR are now accessible to registered local government staff via BOAMS. The attached Release Notes provide details on how you can register, along with guidance for accessing cases in the system. If you have issues registering, or using BOAMS please email us at BAM.support@environment.nsw.gov.au. Further information on future updates are provided on page 2.

3. BOS Support webinars

Some of you may already be familiar with the [BAM Support webinar series](#) which provides accredited assessors and other interested participants (including LG officers) with a regular forum to learn more about the BAM, ask questions and stay up to date on new matters relating to the BOS.

To view previous sessions (like webinar 8 "Catastrophic bushfire and the assessment of biodiversity values: guidance on applying the BAM to severely burnt sites"), or register for future webinars go to our [BAM Support Webinar page](#).

We are developing additional webinars specific to the needs of LG staff and welcome your ideas and requests - contact us at BAM.support@environment.nsw.gov.au to recommend topics.