



# Objectives of working groups

## Strengthening Local Government

Local Government  
Association of NSW



LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
MANAGERS  
AUSTRALIA  
NSW DIVISION



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Public Works  
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### **Intergovernmental Relations and Community Relations (*reported and finalised*)**

- Review role and function of local government.
- Establish, improve and review Intergovernmental Agreement between State Government and Local Government.
- Implement annual cost shifting survey.
- Community Relations.

### **Financial Management**

- Review of rating system including rate exemptions and concessions.
- Review and improve Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; expand list of financial KPIs and develop appropriate lower and upper benchmarks.
- Develop guidelines for use of borrowings.
- Develop methodology for financial sustainability assessment.

### **Corporate Governance and Performance Measurement**

- Improve long term strategic and financial planning.
- Review corporate governance structure of councils and produce corporate governance guide for Local Government.
- Develop an appropriate system of outcomes focussed key performance indicators for Local Government; develop benchmarking system.

### **Resource Optimising and Capacity Building**

- Undertake functional analysis as to what services would benefit from resource sharing and develop resource sharing database.
- Assess and promote expenditure saving options.

### **Promoting Local Government Leadership**

- Raise awareness on the issues identified by the Inquiry and on current initiatives which already respond to the Inquiry's findings and recommendations.
- Develop programs to raise the capacity of Local Government to provide strategic leadership.
- Review and improve the training opportunities for the Local Government sector.

### **Land Use Planning**

- Review development application and land use planning framework.