

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY BASED CONCESSIONS

Update Report

- In 2002 the Deputy Premier, in consultation with the President of the LGA, undertook to instigate a review of the administrative arrangements currently in place across State Government in relation to the property-based State concessions.
- To facilitate the review, it was agreed to establish the Property Based State Concession Working Party, to produce a report with recommendations to the Deputy Premier. The terms of reference and membership were agreed between the Department of Treasury and Finance and the LGA in December 2003.
- The aim of the working party is:-
In consultation with stakeholders, review and recommend a costed, comprehensive, streamlined and efficient administrative system that provides a coordinated strategic approach to the administration of property based concessions for self-funded retirees, pensioners and other eligible persons.
- The Working Party membership consists of representatives from:
 - Department of Treasury and Finance – Chair
 - Local Government Association;
 - Department of Family and Communities;
 - Office of Local Government;
 - Revenue SA (Department of Treasury & Finance);
 - SA Water;
 - South Australian Council for Social Services Inc; and
 - South Australian Institute of Rate Administrators.
- The LGA has committed a \$20,000 contribution toward the review (budget of \$40,000) and has been awaiting commencement of the process which is being facilitated by the Department of Treasury and Finance. The Department of Treasury and Finance has also committed \$20,000 to the review project.
- To date efforts by the LGA to encourage the commencements of the review have been unsuccessful due to unavailability of principal members of the working party. The delay in commencement of the review is of concern to the LGA and the LGA now proposes to facilitate the inaugural meeting of the Working Party.

Recommendation

That the Forum:

- 1. Support the commencement of the Review of the Administration of Property based Concessions as soon as practicable, with a progress report to be provided to the next Forum meeting.**