

STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AGREEMENT

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE OF PRIORITIES FOR 2007-08

- The *State-Local Government Relations Agreement* recognises that the State Government and Local Government, through the Local Government Association (LGA), aim to improve consultation arrangements and communication practices, and build a closer, more productive working relationship.
- Alongside the overarching statement on the working relations between the two spheres of government, the *Agreement* in practice sets out annual priority areas for joint action by State and Local Government (*Schedule of Priorities*).
- Following endorsement by the LGA State Executive, the *Schedule of Priorities for 2007-08* was endorsed by State Cabinet on 25 November 2007.
- The annual review of the Schedule of Priorities has now begun in preparation for the formulation of a *Schedule of Priorities for 2008-09*. As in previous years, a small working party consisting of the Office for State/Local Government Relations (OSLGR) and the LGA has been convened in order to undertake the review.
- The review of the *Schedule of Priorities for 2007-08* will be a broad based review of the *Schedule*. All Chief Executives of State Government departments have been asked to provide feedback and comment for a *Schedule of Priorities for 2008-09*. The LGA is coordinating consultation across the Local Government sector, consistent with the terms of the *Agreement*.
- It is expected that at the next meeting of the Forum, members will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed content of a *Schedule of Priorities for 2008-09*.
- As the Forum has previously noted, a brief summary of activities is provided to members at each meeting. A detailed report on progress made on each identified issue is prepared to assist the annual review of the *Schedule*. This report will be provided to the next meeting of the Forum, expected to be held in mid 2008.

SCHEDULE OF PRIORITIES FOR 2007-08

Schedule Item	Action
Strategic Planning	<i>Refer to Agenda Item and Update Report-Affordable Housing</i>
Governance and Financial Management	<p>Elections Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Final Report of the Independent Review of Local Government Elections</i> was released by the Minister for State/Local Government Relations, and the President of the LGA, on 11 March 2008. • The Final Report contains 27 recommendations. These recommendations aim at increasing voter participation, improve local government representation, introduce a pre-election caretaker period and improve a number of administrative arrangements for elections. • All recommendations will be the subject of further discussion as part of the process of developing a Government response to them. <p>Financial Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTF and OSLGR representation on LGA's FSAC Committee has continued. OSLGR participation and detailed input to LGA's Asset Management and Financial Management Project Groups is ongoing. • LGA continues to encourage Councils to provide summary budget information on a uniform and consistent basis. LGA also is supporting Councils to include similar uniform information in their Long-term Financial Plans. • The State Budget papers continue to include summary information on Local Government finances, including information on State Government transfers to Local Government.
Economic Development	<p>Industrial Lands Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Metropolitan Adelaide Industrial Land Strategy was released on 3 May 2007. • A consultation forum on industrial land and the implementation of the Strategy, involving Local Government and industry, was held in August 2007. • The Minister for Urban Development and Planning has agreed to the establishment of a State Government, Local Government and private sector industry reference group,

	<p>termed the Industrial Land Planning Forum, to monitor industrial land supply, demand and utilisation issues and trends. The deliberations of the ILPF will cover both the metropolitan and outer metropolitan regions of Adelaide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November 2007, the Minister wrote to a number of organisations inviting them to nominate a senior representative to membership of the ILPF. The list of nominations was finalised in late February 2008 and the Minister is currently considering them. <p>Regional Development Boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A five year Resource Agreement between Office of Regional Affairs, Regional Development SA (RDSA) and the LGA is currently being negotiated. A draft Agreement has now been forwarded to the LGA and RDSA for their consideration. • A process has also commenced to develop a set of Key Performance Indicators, negotiated with individual RDBs for formal implementation in 2008-09
Commonwealth – South Australian Issues	<p>Productivity Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the LGA and the State Government have made submissions to the Productivity Commission Study into <i>Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity</i>. • A draft research report was released by the Commission on 18 December 2007. • The final report of the Commission is due in April 2008. At this point, State and Local Government will respond to its findings as appropriate.
Building Communities	<p>Native Title Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal discussions began in August 2007 on an Indigenous Land Agreement for metropolitan Adelaide, parts of the mid-north and the Fleurieu Peninsula. • These discussions involve more than 30 councils and representatives from the Kaurna people. <p>Service Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commonwealth Government has agreed to extend the timeline for transfer of responsibility for the MUNS program to the State Government. This transfer will now take

	<p>place on 30 June 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Government , through OSLGR and the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Divison, the LGA and the Commonwealth Government will continue discussion regarding future service provision and a preferred transition process.
Community Wastewater Management Systems	<i>Refer Agenda item</i>
Waste Management	<i>Refer Agenda Item</i>
Planning and Development	<p>State Planning and Development Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was announced by the State Government on 19 June 2007 • It is taking an intensive and wide-ranging look at the planning system, with a view to ensuring South Australia leads the nation in planning reform. • In February 2008, the LGA made a submission to the steering committee.
Natural Resource Management	<i>Refer to Update Report</i>
Climate Change	<i>Refer Agenda item</i>