

COMPLIANCE FUNCTIONS

1. Background

The Minister's Local Government Forum at its June 2004 meeting noted progress on this topic, and endorsed the agreed principles that will direct a pilot study looking at the delivery of a small number of compliance functions, should a suitable topic be proposed.

Office of Local Government (OLG) and Local Government Association (LGA) officers have been working to progress the project. State agencies and Local Government bodies were approached by OLG and the LGA to nominate areas that could benefit from this study. The final responses were received on 7 July 2004, concerning the topics listed below:

- inspection and enforcement issues relating to Supported Residential Facilities and Boarding Houses;
- shared inspection and enforcement regarding planning and building;
- assessment of native vegetation on private land;
- illegal parking and littering on public land [eg: National Parks];
- inspection and enforcement of swimming pool fencing;
- ensuring safe asbestos removal practices;
- use of speed cameras by councils.

2. Actions

Representatives of LGA and OLG will consider the nominated areas and recommendations will be made with respect to those matters that could benefit from being the subject of a pilot study.

This selection is to be based on a prioritisation of responses based on alignment with both State and Local Government strategic directions and the willingness of State and Local Government agencies to participate in a pilot.

Representatives from LGA, OLG are presently assessing the topics and should any matters have merit and the support of the necessary State and Local Government agencies, then a steering group comprising LGA and OLG staff will be established to progress these matters. Representatives from the nominating Local Government and State agencies will be invited to participate on the steering group as deemed appropriate for the topics under consideration.

A final report detailing the matter(s) selected for the pilot study, if appropriate, will be reported to the final Forum meeting of 2004 (expected to be early December).

3. Recommendation

That the Forum endorse:

- 1. LGA and OLG staff meeting to assess the nominated topics;**
- 2. that should any nominated matter have merit and be supported by the required State and Local Government agencies, a steering group be formed to progress the matter(s);**
- 3. a report being prepared advising topics with potential to be progressed and detailing the matter(s) selected for the pilot study for presentation at the final Forum meeting for 2004.**