

INFORMATION SHEET

This sheet has been prepared to assist discussions during the Local Government/Aboriginal Service Agreement Project and is to be used only as a guide (updated March 2006).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL SERVICES

Councils provide some services in accordance with specific roles and powers defined by the *Local Government Act* or other legislation, and others at the discretion of the Council.

The discretionary services vary from one area to another, and depend on the size of the Council area, the number of people living in the area, where the area is located, the physical environment, what the priority needs of the local community are, and the resources and funding available.

All Councils provide **regulatory** services within specific statutory responsibilities or powers, examples include:

- land use planning and development and building control
- fire prevention
- dog and cat management and control
- parking control
- food and public health inspection.

Other services are provided and work is carried out at the **discretion** of each Council as part of its general roles and functions under the *Local Government Act 1999*. Most Councils also provide infrastructure, and community services and facilities such as:

- waste management and recycling
- road and footpath construction and maintenance
- street lighting
- library and information services
- stormwater drainage
- care and maintenance of parks, ovals and sporting facilities
- swimming pools and leisure centres
- community facilities and halls
- coastal care
- home and community care services for elderly people
- tourism initiatives
- wetlands and water resource management
- promoting economic development
- cemeteries