

## **INFORMATION SHEET**

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

### **STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

- Local Government Councils are required to take a strategic approach to the delivery of services, and involve their communities in forward planning.
- By way of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Local Government Councils must develop and adopt strategic management plans.
- Such strategic management plans must identify the Local Government council's objectives for the area and provide an indication of a range of considerations.
- Considerations include the extent to which the Local Government council intends to coordinate with State and national Governments in the planning and delivery of services in which there is a common interest.
- Councils are expected to consult with State and national Governments when planning for their areas.
- The plans must also include reference to councils' consideration of regional, State and national objectives.
- Moreover, a Local Government Council must adopt a process or processes to ensure that members of the public are given a reasonable opportunity to be involved in the development and review (at least every three years) of their strategic management plans.
- Plans must be made available for viewing without charge to the public.
- Clear statements of local priorities in councils' strategic management plans will help regional, State and national agencies respond more sensitively to local needs.