

## NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# DATA PROJECT

### A Key Component of the Local Government Reform Fund

Federal Local Government Minister, the Hon Simon Crean, has approved an allocation of \$700,000 from the Local Government Reform Fund for the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) to implement the National Local Government Data Project – a key component of the Local Government Reform Fund and a major national priority of the Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council.

The funding allocation will enable ACELG to compile and maintain a series of data sets linked to the National Local Government Workforce Strategy, a National Assessment Framework for asset and financial management, guidelines for long term planning and women in local government.

In carrying out the projects, ACELG will work closely with state and territory governments, and with a broad range of local government associations and stakeholders.

### Key Project Steps

#### Scoping

The initial scoping and consultation phase has commenced. This involves consultation with key stakeholders to:

- Identify what is currently being collected, and any gaps in data
- Identify desirable data sets and capacity constraints that may affect data collection
- Review and compare national assessment systems.

### Key Outputs

- Agreed processes and tools for the ongoing collection of national minimum data sets for workforce, asset and financial management and women in local government
- Completion and implementation of the National Local Government Workforce Strategy
- Preparation of guidelines to assist local governments in long term financial planning
- Development of a National Assessment Framework for asset and financial management.

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