

## PROGRAM 5: Rural-Remote and Indigenous Local Government

Component Description	Outputs/Milestones 2011	Expected Achievement 2011	Proposed Outputs/ Milestones 2012	Budgets			
					Budget 2011	Expected Result 2011	Draft 2012
Identify priority capacity building needs and feasible delivery options for small rural-remote and Indigenous local governments (ANU, CDU, ECU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finalise and circulate national strategy</li> <li>▪ Convene further roundtable to report on progress - last quarter of 2011</li> <li>▪ Briefing to ALGA NGA June 2010</li> <li>▪ Briefing to LGMA Congress May 2011</li> <li>▪ Briefing to IPWEA Conference August 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completed; priority projects under way</li> <li>▪ Deferred to second quarter 2012; two meetings of Reference Group</li> <li>▪ Promoted at ALGA, LGAQ and LGANT conferences</li> <li>▪ Workshop with CEOs at LGMA congress</li> <li>▪ Completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Convene roundtable and update strategy</li> <li>▪ Two further meetings of Reference Group</li> <li>▪ Briefings and conference presentations as opportunities arise</li> </ul>	<b>Income</b>			
				<i>c/f from previous</i>	75,780	75,780	173,921
				ACELG Quarterly			
				Other ACELG	150,000	150,000	150,000
				Grants	150,000*	172,440*	50,000*
				Contributions			
				Sales			
				Other (specify)			
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>375,780</b>	<b>397,780</b>	<b>373,921</b>
Co-ordinate, commission and/or deliver tailored activities to address specific issues and needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Priority projects identified by May 2010 in conjunction with reference group</li> <li>▪ Partners identified and partnerships established for priority projects by April 2011</li> <li>▪ At least three priority projects to be completed by December 2010 (see supplementary detail)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completed</li> <li>▪ Completed</li> <li>▪ 7 projects completed or under way (see supplementary detail)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integrated planning tools (October)</li> <li>▪ Community engagement tools (December)</li> <li>▪ Staff attraction and retention (July)</li> <li>▪ CEO forum (July)</li> <li>▪ Agency service costs (November)</li> <li>▪ Governance of unincorporated areas (November)</li> <li>▪ Review of councillor governance training (December)</li> </ul>	<b>Expenditure</b>			
				Salaries			
				On-Costs			
				Consultancy Fees	170,000#	71,834#	190,000
				Travel – Int'l			
				Travel - Domestic	7,780	8,106	5,921
				Events/Seminars	10,000	4,900	10,000
				ACELG Website			
				Promotion/Publicity	3,000	2,119	5,000
				Other			
				Water Project	150,000	136,900	50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>340,780</b>	<b>223,859</b>	<b>260,921</b>				
<i>c/f to next year</i>	<i>35,000</i>	<i>173,921</i>	<i>113,000</i>				

\*Northern Australia water management project (expanded and extended to 2012). # For priority projects – see supplementary detail

## Supplementary Detail: Rural-Remote and Indigenous Local Government

Project Description	Budget	Co-ordinator/ Consultant	Timing (Milestones & Completion)	Planned Outputs
Integrated planning tools for rural-remote and Indigenous councils. This builds on the Role and Expectations of RRI Local Government report; the survey undertaken as part of the 2011/12 community engagement project; and key aspects of ACELG's national strategy.	\$50,000	Martin Bass	To commence April 2012; to be completed by October 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and assess the integrated planning tools currently available in each jurisdiction</li> <li>▪ Building on previous work, conduct structured interviews with key CEOs, jurisdictions, associations etc on the suitability of the tools currently available compared to what's required</li> <li>▪ Case studies of RRI councils that have successfully used integrated planning to manage community expectations</li> <li>▪ Develop a methodology for assessing the services currently being provided on behalf of other levels of government compared to identified priorities in the community strategic plan</li> <li>▪ Develop tailored planning resources for RRI councils that complement those already available</li> <li>▪ Develop an education program on how integrated planning can help in council decision making</li> </ul>
Development of tools to assist rural-remote and Indigenous councils to improve community engagement. . (This project will be developed in conjunction with the project above)	\$50,000	Robyn Morris, ECU and Michael Limerick, with research support by Melissa Sutton	To commence May 2012; to be completed by December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and assess community education tools currently available</li> <li>▪ Develop staff training and development in community engagement approaches especially less conventional approaches</li> <li>▪ Develop a model education program for the community outlining the community's role in engagement, including what councils should consult them about and the role of local boards, advisory groups, etc</li> <li>▪ Develop an education program on the role of community engagement in good governance and council decision-making</li> <li>▪ Develop a material resource guide on how to integrate community outcomes in council planning and decision making</li> <li>▪ Develop cultural awareness training for elected members and staff</li> <li>▪ Promote IKEN as an online portal for RRI councils to share community engagement ideas, experiences and issues</li> </ul>
Attraction and retention of staff to rural-remote and Indigenous local government	\$20,000	Checking the availability of the preferred researcher – to be advised	To commence May 2012, to conclude by July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare a set of options for attracting and retaining staff in rural-remote and Indigenous local government, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Liaison with jurisdictions, LGAs, professional associations to identify current initiatives and issues</li> <li>- Case studies of successful initiatives undertaken by RRI councils</li> <li>- Feasibility of the skills bank concept and mentoring and exchanges with better resourced councils</li> <li>- Recommendations for possible next steps for ACELG</li> <li>- Recommendations to be discussed at a national roundtable in July 2012</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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CEO forum and roundtable	\$25,000	LGMA Qld and ACELG	Planning to commence March 2012; to conclude by July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Convene a forum for CEOs of RRI councils in Cairns to consider a draft strategy for the development of senior staff in RRI councils (currently under development)</li> <li>▪ Invite expressions of interest for CEOs to attend, offering subsidies. up to \$2,000 to a total of \$16,000, to cover costs</li> <li>▪ Convene a national roundtable the following day to review progress of implementation of the national strategy and workshop attraction and retention strategies etc</li> </ul>
Identification of costs of providing services on behalf of other spheres of government	\$25,000	To be determined	To commence April 2012; concluding November 2012, with an update to be provided to the roundtable	Scope to be determined following the Research Advisory Committee meeting
Models of governance in unincorporated areas	\$15,000	Melissa Gibbs with project support by Melissa Sutton	To commence April 2012; concluding November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outline current governance models in the unincorporated areas in SA and NSW</li> <li>▪ Compare these governance models with the local government model in other jurisdictions</li> <li>▪ Outline the pros and cons of each approach</li> </ul>
Review of governance training provided to newly elected councillors in NT and Qld	\$5,000	Melissa Gibbs	To commence May 2012; concluding December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare a short report on the governance training provided to newly elected councillors in NT and Qld</li> <li>▪ Identify gaps</li> <li>▪ Determine if it's possible or feasible to share the training resources with other jurisdictions</li> </ul>