



# Public Library Framework Agreements

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# Introduction

- **Role of WALGA**
- **Local Government Reform Process**
- **Strategic Library Partnership Agreement Steering Committee**
- **Library Funding**
- **Consultation & feedback to date**
- **Next steps**





# WA Local Government Association

- The Voice of Local Government
- Leadership, advocacy, representation & services
- Strategic Plan 2005 -2010
  - Strong representation for Local Government
  - Leadership for Local Government
  - Capacity of Local Government
  - Positive Profile of Local Government





# The Changing Environment

- Local Government across Australia is changing
- Interstate developments
  - Significant reduction in the number of local governments in Australia





# Local Government Reform Process

- Submissions deadline closed on 30 September 2009
- Local Government Reform Steering Committee Interim Report in coming weeks
- Minister will refer recommendations to Local Government Advisory Board
- Final recommendations provided to the Minister by January 2010.





# Strategic Library Partnership Agreement Steering Committee

- History
- Purpose
- Membership
- Focus





# Operational Management Group

- Role
- Membership
- Working Groups:
  - Online Resources Working Group
  - Inter Library Resource Sharing Group
  - e-Services Group





# Funding Models Subcommittee

- Role
- Current projects:
  - Business Case Development
    - Core Services
    - Innovation and development
    - Structural reform
  - Grant Methodology



# Library Funding

- 40 per cent decrease in public library funding in the 09/10 budget
- Minister Day advised public libraries did not receive additional funding *because the Framework Agreement had not been signed*
- Imperative that a new Framework Agreement is signed to better position WALGA for advocacy and lobbying on behalf of the Local Government sector



# Consultation on Library Framework Agreements

- Feedback on the principles of the current Framework Agreement sought in May 2009 from Local Government, PLWA, LocLib & LGMA
- State Council resolution in August 2009
- Feedback on the proposed Framework Agreement, Funding Agreement & individual agreements sought in September 2009 from Local Government, PLWA, LocLib & LGMA
- Draft agreements presented to WALGA State Council & Library Board of WA in October 2009
- Two forums held at City of Stirling and City of Bunbury in September & October

# Next Steps

- WALGA budget bid in advance of the State Budget 2010/2011 presented to Treasury
- **WALGA deadline for feedback on Agreements (2 November 2009)**
- WALGA meets with Minister John Day (17 November 2009)
- Library Board of WA meeting (1 December 2009)
- WALGA State Council (2 December 2009)

