

Local Government workshop Tues 5 July

Summary Points

- Levies. Some distrust in community that levy will go into consolidated revenue
Levies that need to be approved by state governments every few years impede long term planning.
- Levy should reflect communities aspirations and views. Levies that are linked to a specific issue and form part of a strategic environmental plan will be easier to implement
- A feeling that local government could be reinventing the wheel. The challenge is to ensure that information is accessible and communicated to all.
- Local government is in a good position to deliver incentives but requires the tools and skills to do this.
- Recognising that some issues go beyond local council boundaries. There needs to be a mechanism for agreeing on a fair cost sharing basis and ensuring integration between all levels of government.
- How involved in incentive design should local government be, given limited resources? If CMAs design programs and local governments implement then local government may lose ownership. An MOU maybe a better way to go to involve local government from program inception.