

## House of Representatives Inquiry Submission Wheatbelt Region

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<p>1. Please provide your thoughts on future funding of regional programs in order to invest in genuine and accountable community infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Regional Programs such the Wheatbelt Area Consultative Committee provide a vital link between the Federal government and regional areas of W A. Development and funding of projects big and small, is now so complex that communities need assistance to complete projects. The Wheatbelt ACC provides this help through workshops, provision of complete project templates to assist groups correctly work through their projects and advice on a personal basis. Community groups may not be aware of all the funding opportunities available to them from many and varied sources, and Wheatbelt ACC provides this information. I recently attended their Grants Expo and gained a great deal of knowledge and information on applying for an equipment grant.</p>	
<p>2. How should the Federal Government design regional programs in a way to minimise administrative costs and duplication for taxpayers.</p> <p>I only have knowledge of the Wheatbelt ACC, but this seems to function well as a central administrative body for a very large region in WA doing great things with limited staff. Why change it?</p>	
<p>3. Examine the former government's practices and grants outlined in the Australian National Audit Office report on Regional Partnerships <a href="http://www.anao.gov.au/director/publications/auditreports/2007-2008.cfm?item_id=40BC1C6C1560A6E8AAA43AAB96708E61">http://www.anao.gov.au/director/publications/auditreports/2007-2008.cfm?item_id=40BC1C6C1560A6E8AAA43AAB96708E61</a> with the aim of providing advice on future funding of regional programs.</p>	
<p>4. Examine the former government's practices and grants in the Regional Partnerships Program after the audit period of 2003-2006 with the aim of providing advice on future funding of regional programs.</p>	

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