

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNCIL

1. i) **Communication**
 - . between regions and Government
 - . region to region
 - . between regions and sub-regions.

Common objective is for “on-line” data communications where information can be sought or shared in order to save time, money and effort (eg central databank for feasibility studies).

- ii) Communications between States to be addressed. For example, Tennant Creek and Mt Isa or Katherine and Kununurra. It was felt that valuable synergies could be obtained by interstate groups working together – eg tourism development.

2. The cost of housing and availability.
3. Skills shortage in the region.
4. Commitment of discretionary funding on an ongoing basis by the Northern Territory Government.
5. Ongoing administrative funds for running of regional committees.
6. Continued government support for research and development.