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Local Government Infrastructure - Introduction

Addressing Pressures

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Addressing Pressures

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- Challenges for local government
- Examples

Functions of local government

‘local government provides a significant proportion of the essential services and infrastructure that underpins all local and regional communities’

(PricewaterhouseCoopers 2006:4)



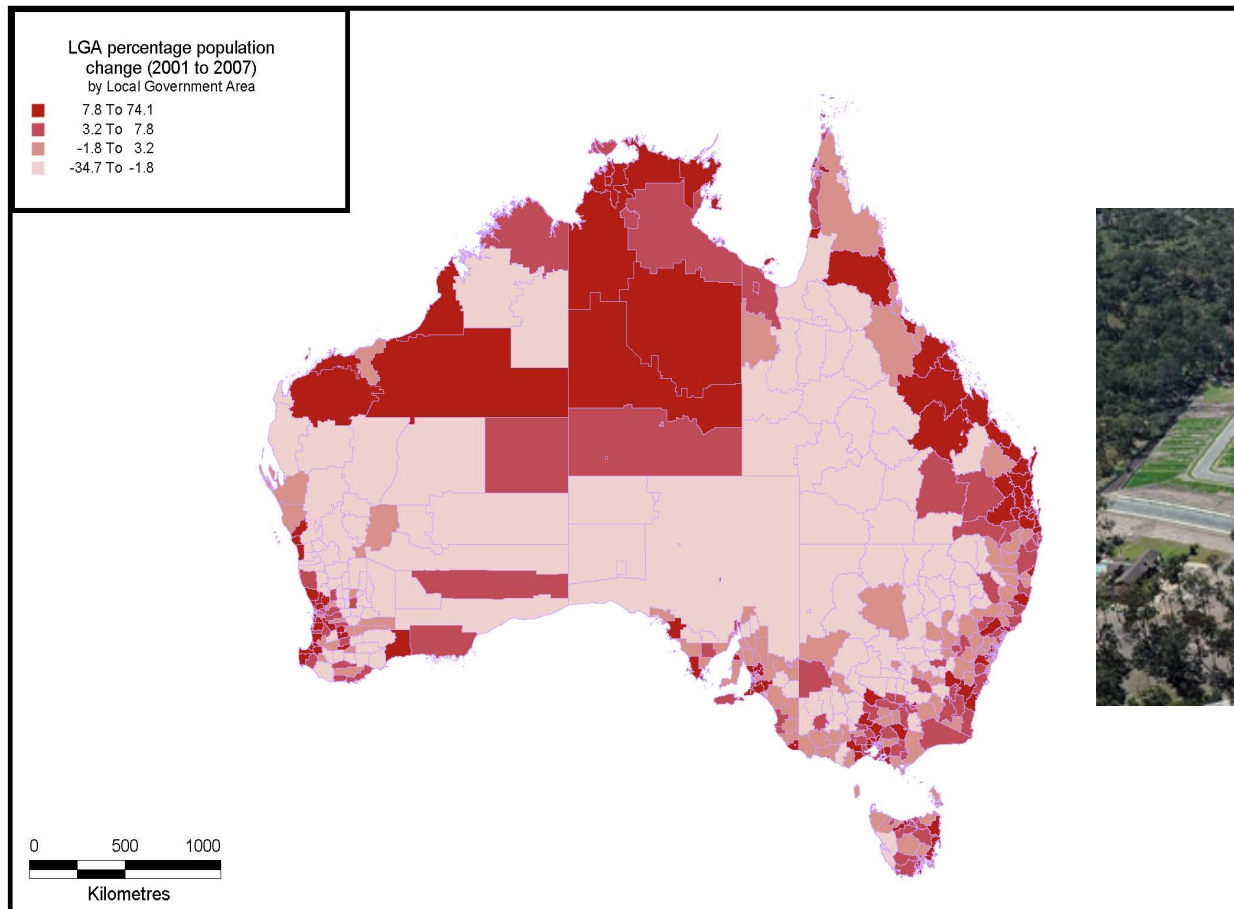
Challenges facing local government

- The Hawker report 2003
 - Rates and Taxes – A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government
- PricewaterhouseCoopers 2006
 - National Financial Sustainability Study of Local government
- Productivity Commission 2008
 - Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity

Some of the challenges

- Cost shifting
- Lack of economies of scale
- Fiscal resources and skills base
- State and territory regulatory limits
- Attitudes and aspirations of the community
- Increases in service provision
- Managing population growth and decline
 - **New residents**
 - **Employment hubs**

New residents



Employment hubs



- Commuters
- Congestion
- Industrial/Commercial



- Fly-in/Fly-out
- Drive-in/Drive-out
- Shift workers