

State Budget 2008/09 Information Sheet

Planning for Communities

WACOSS advocates for immediate action on developing and implementing a social inclusion strategy. We call for a public commitment to this from the Premier. We propose the formation of a taskforce, including people from Government, non-government and industry. The taskforce is to be adequately resourced to research and develop the strategy. A monitoring committee should be established. Departments are to adopt the social inclusion indicators as key performance indicators. The Premier would table a progress report annually in Parliament.

WACOSS' Recommendations	Budget Outcome & Comments
Develop a WA Social Inclusion Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public commitment by Premier - establishment of a taskforce (government, industry, community) 	The Premier announced the Government's commitment to develop a Social Inclusion Framework. The Minister announced the formation of a Reference Group involving Government and Non-Government representatives.
Support a Social Inclusion Strategy Taskforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two senior policy officers (government, non-government) - part time admin officer 	Supported within the Department for Communities funding, but no specific allocation for this purpose.
Evaluating WA's Social Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Departments to adopt Social Inclusion indicators as key performance indicators. - establish a monitoring committee (DfC, DCP, Justice, DHW, Health, 2 NGO's, observer from Auditor General) - Annual reporting by Premier in Parliament 	No funds earmarked for State-wide consultations: the Reference Group is intended to provide consultative input. No funding announced to support this Reference Group. These recommendations will be pursued as the Social Inclusion Framework is developed.