

SNAPSHOT OF AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOVEMBER 2008

a new partnership

Local governments in Australia play a vital role in the lives of all Australians with 565 local governing bodies across Australia.

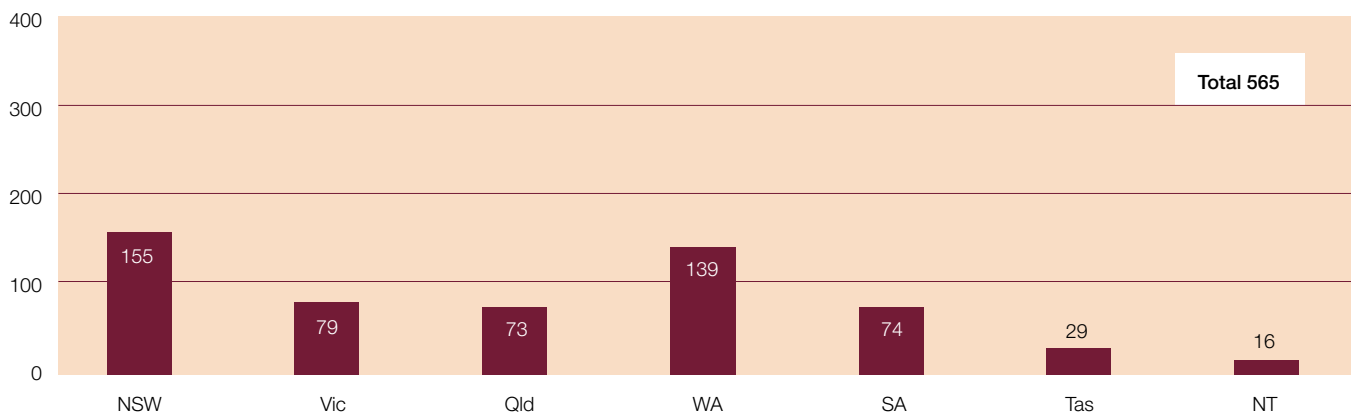
They have roles in governance, advocacy, service delivery, planning and community development, and regulation. Their annual activities are estimated at \$22 billion, and our councils employ more than 160 thousand working Australians.

The essential services and infrastructure used by Australians every day are made available by local governments. Some examples include local roads, sporting grounds, community halls and libraries to child care, water and environmental services.

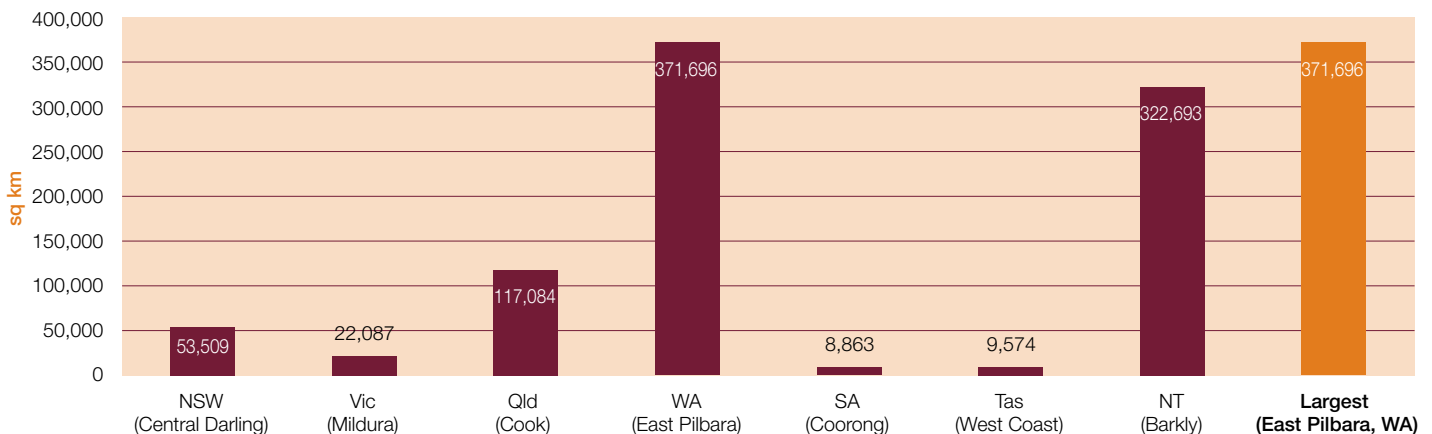
Demands for these services are growing daily, placing increasing pressure on local governments to deliver. The ACLG meeting is an opportunity to work together to solve the challenges facing local governments, such as urban congestion, delivering high-quality services, and improving the quality of life in our regional towns, suburbs and major cities.

The following statistical snap shot provides an insight into the varied composition of local government, making the challenges faced by each council unique.

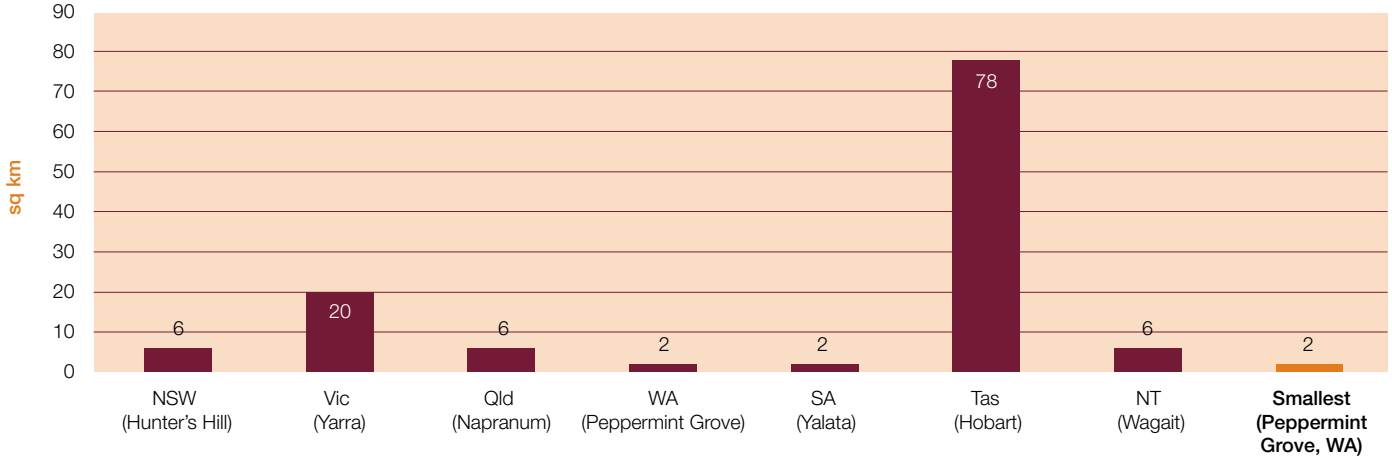
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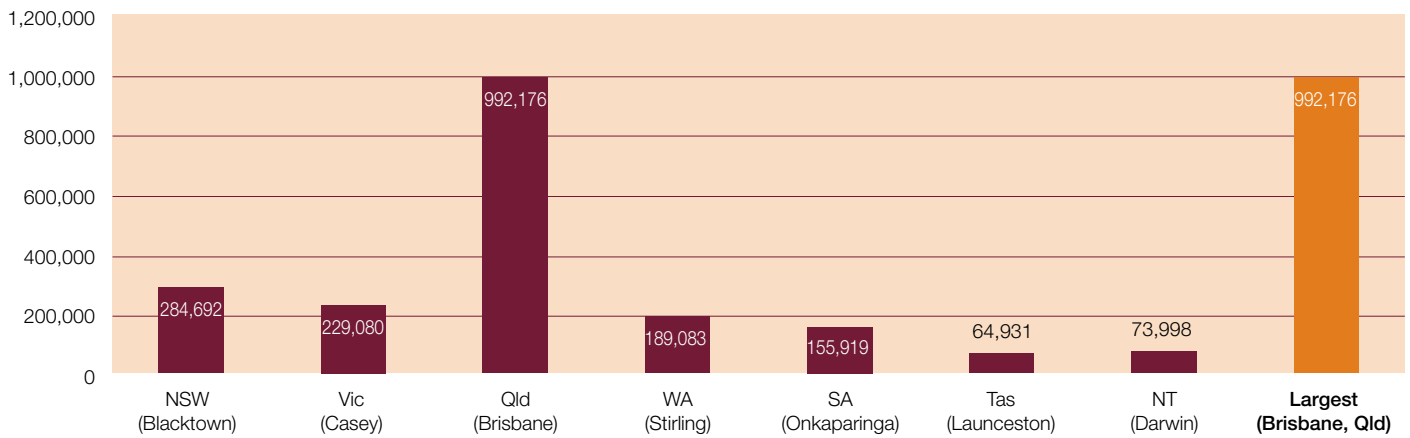
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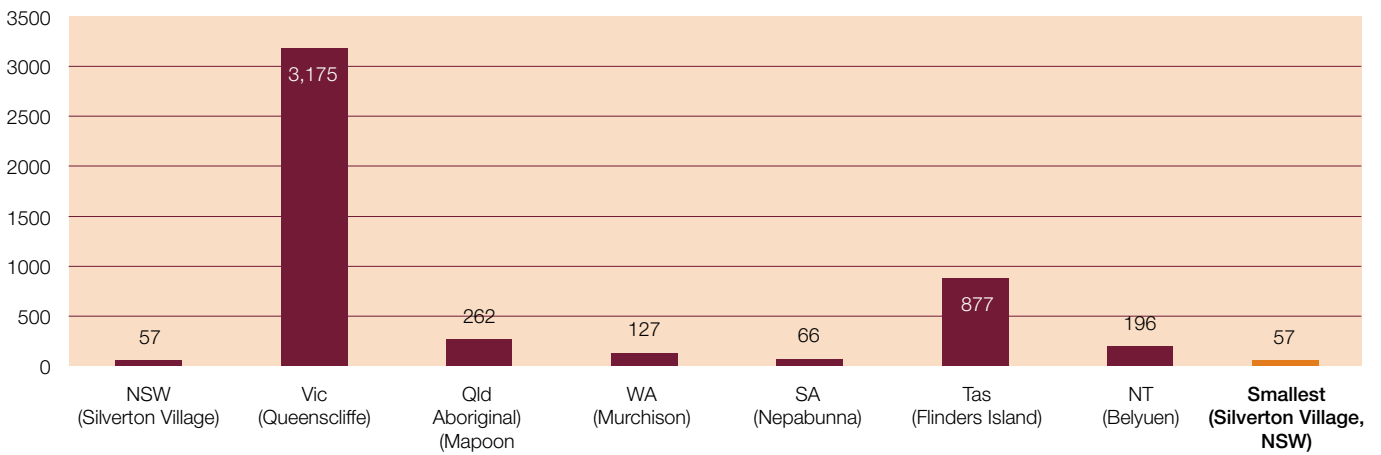
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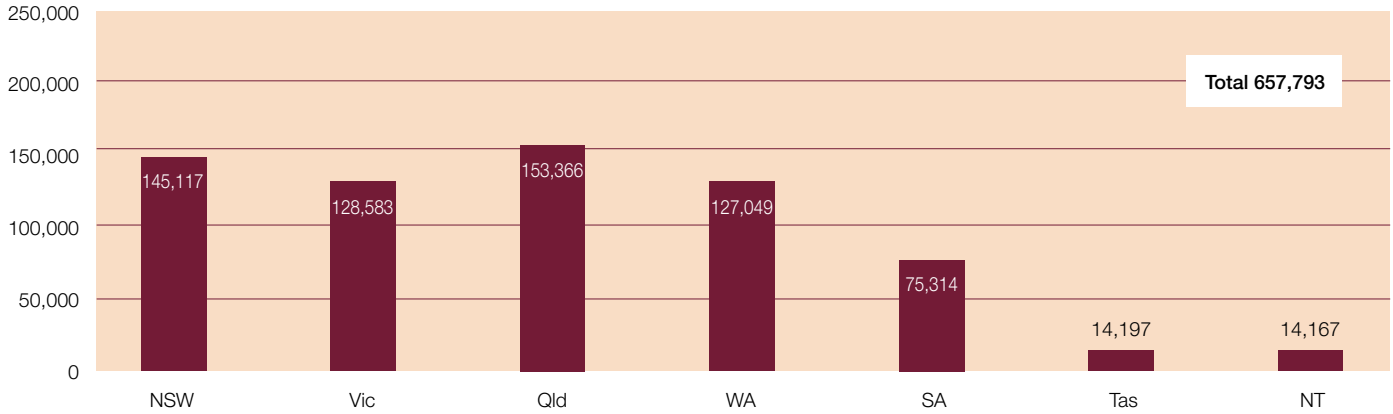
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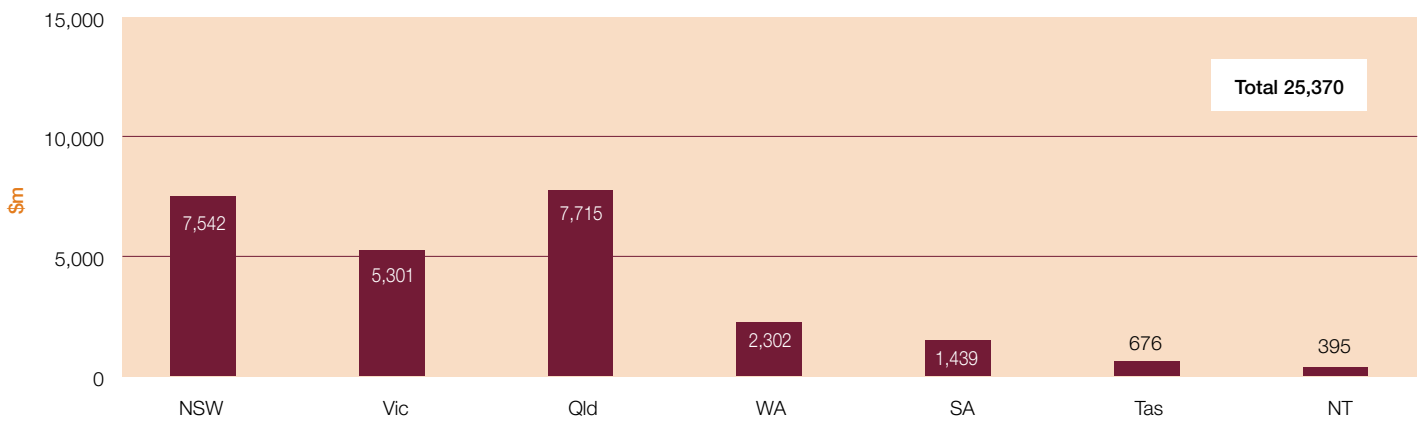
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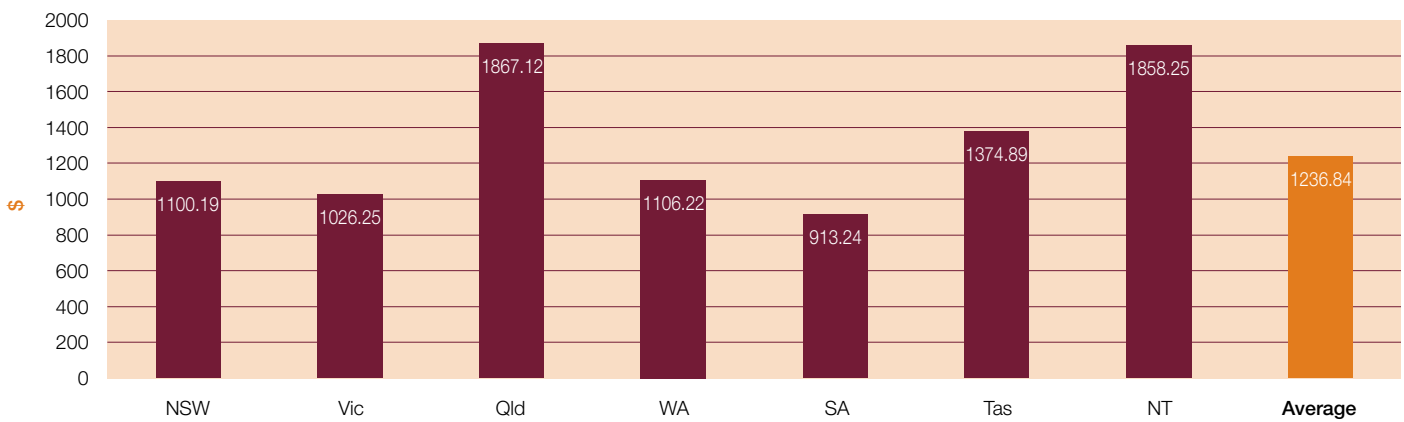
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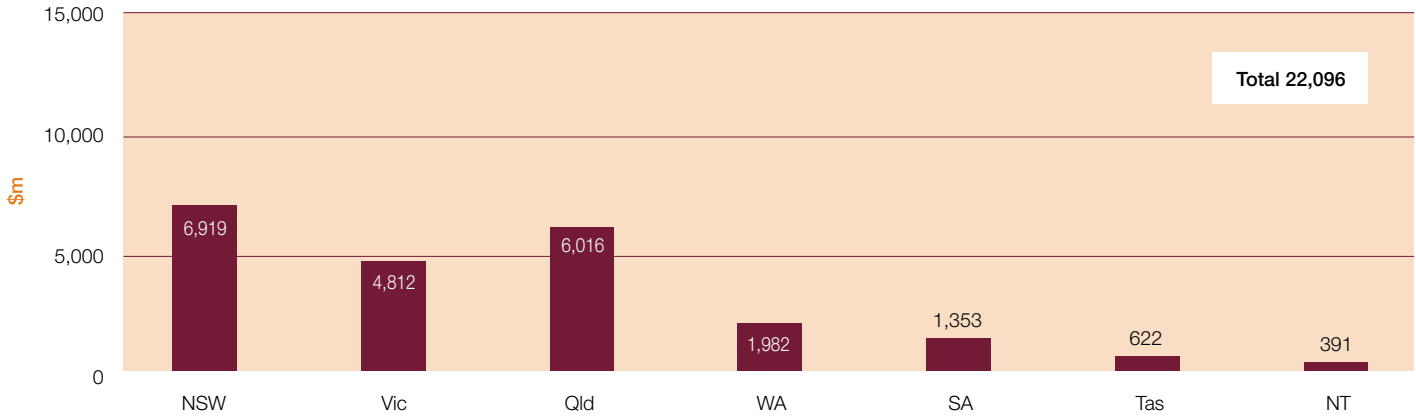
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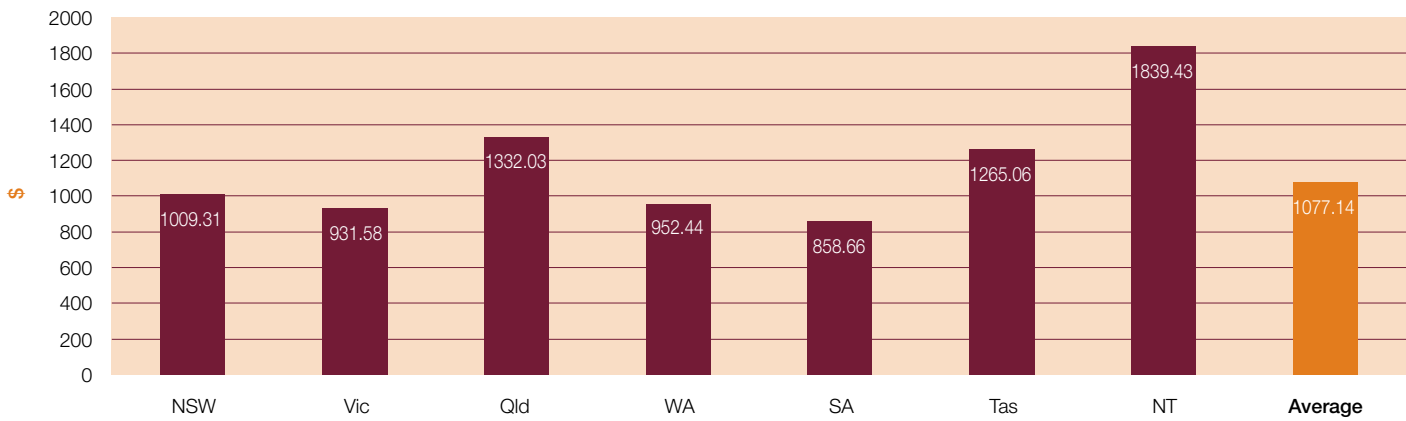
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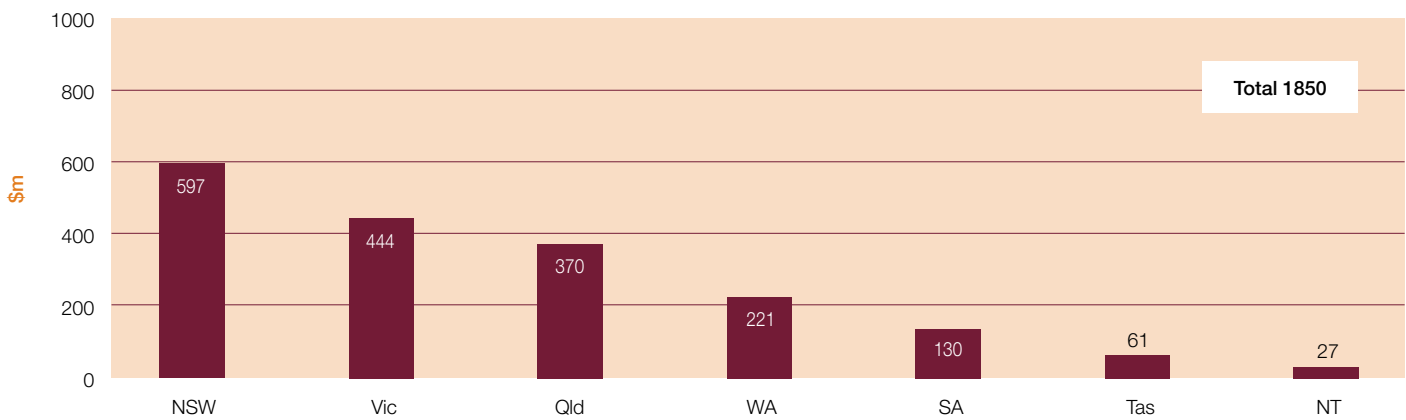
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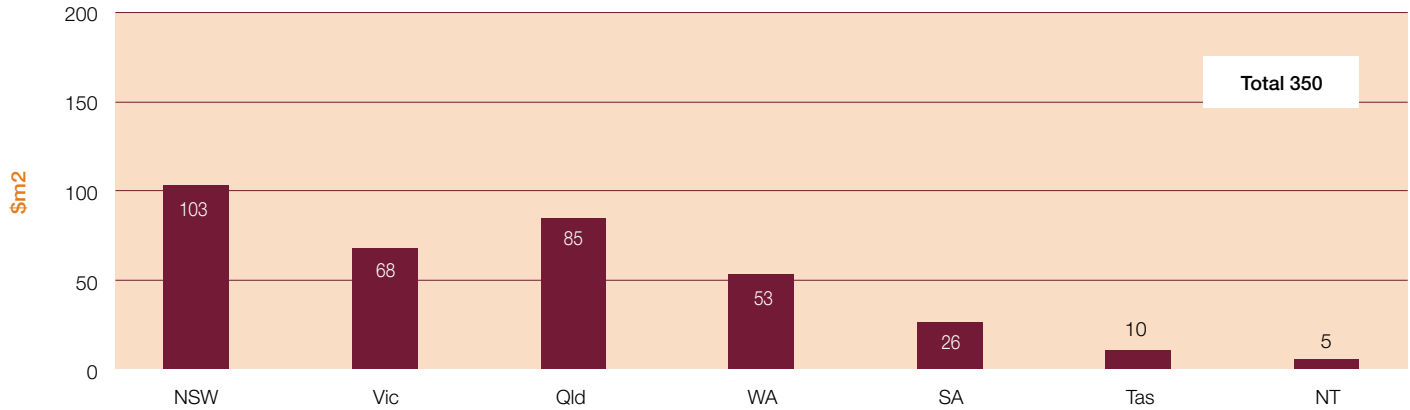
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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGGREGATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2008-09



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGGREGATE ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING 2008-09



Source: Published and unpublished data drawn from the local government grants commissions in each state and the Northern Territory, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

1. Includes three bodies in NSW and 6 in South Australia which are declared to be local governing bodies for the purposes of receiving Australian Government financial assistance grants, but which are not local government bodies under State legislation. There are no local governing bodies in the Australian Capital Territory as municipal functions are delivered by the Territory Government.
2. 2008-09 figures are the residual allocation of the current (2005-06 to 2008-09) Roads to Recovery program. The current program allocated the following funding to local governing bodies in each State and Territory as follows: NSW \$340m, Vic \$250m, Qld \$250m, WA \$180m, SA \$100m, Tas \$40m, NT \$20m.

