

SNAPSHOT OF AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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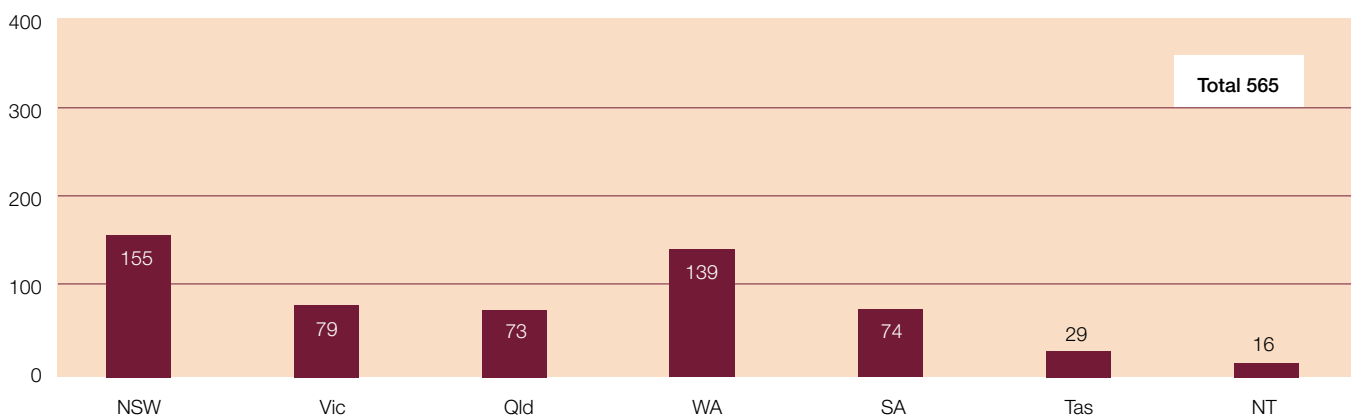
Local governments deliver local infrastructure and services and provide local governance, advocacy, planning, community development, and regulation. Some examples of local government infrastructure includes: local roads; sporting grounds; community halls and libraries; child care; water; and environmental services.

Their aggregate expenditure is around \$24 billion per annum, and they employ more than 160,000 Australians in remote, regional, rural and urban communities.

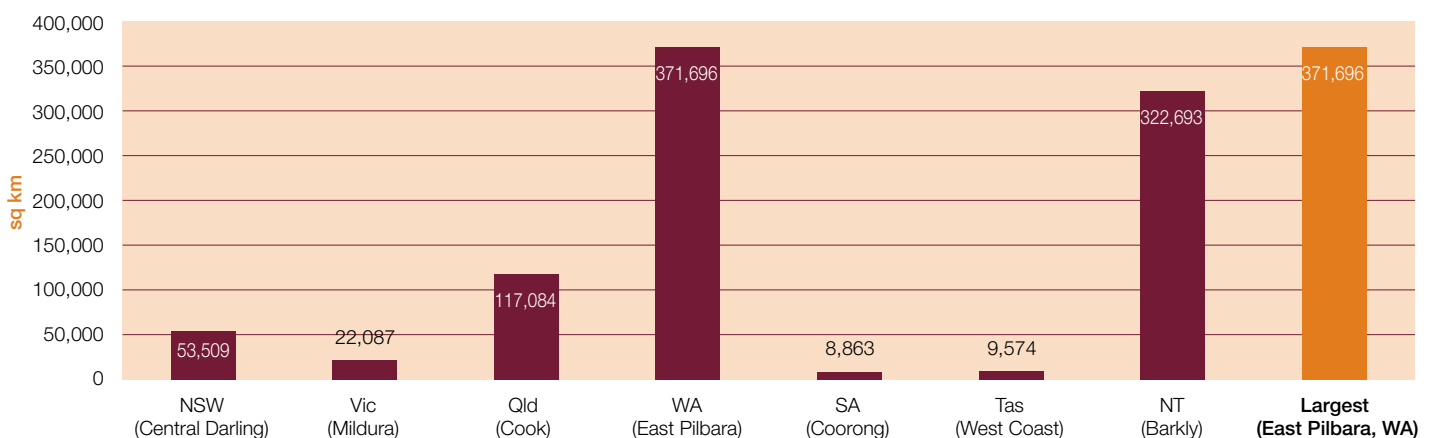
Demand for essential services and infrastructure is growing daily, placing increasing pressure on local governments.

The following general statistical snapshot provides an insight into the varied composition and the unique challenges facing local government

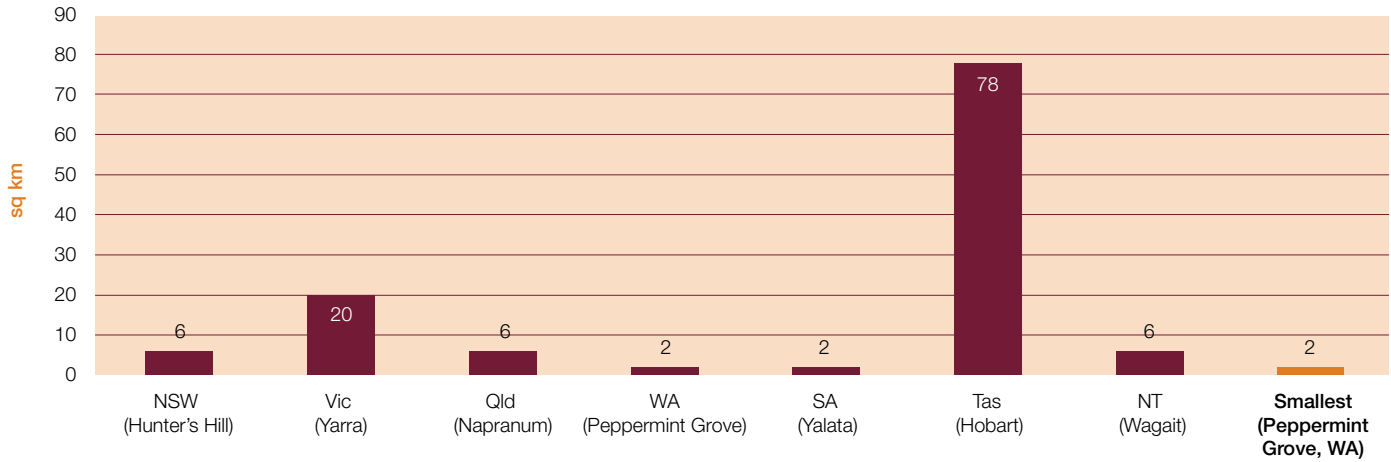
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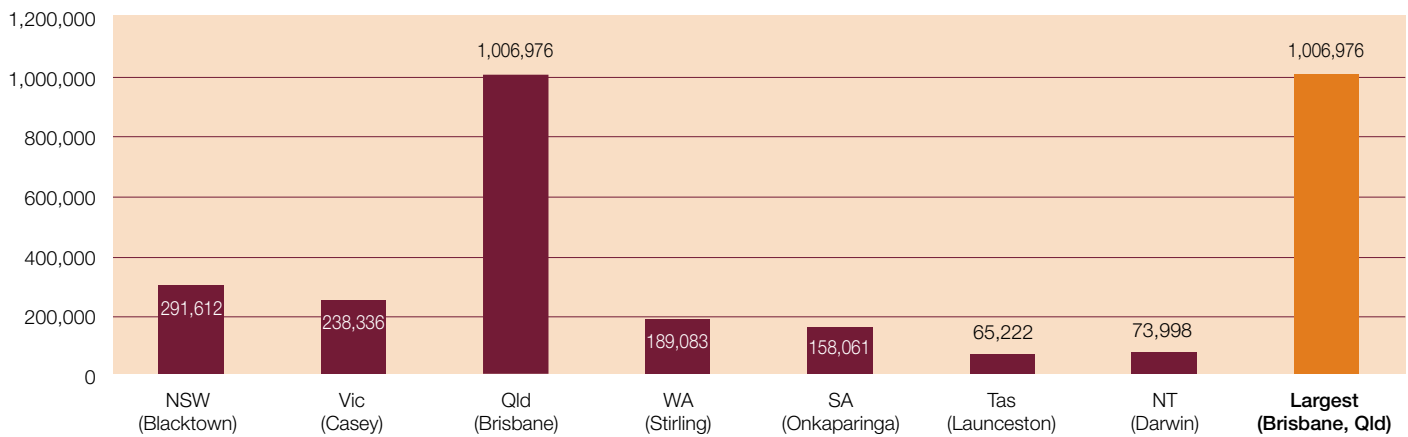
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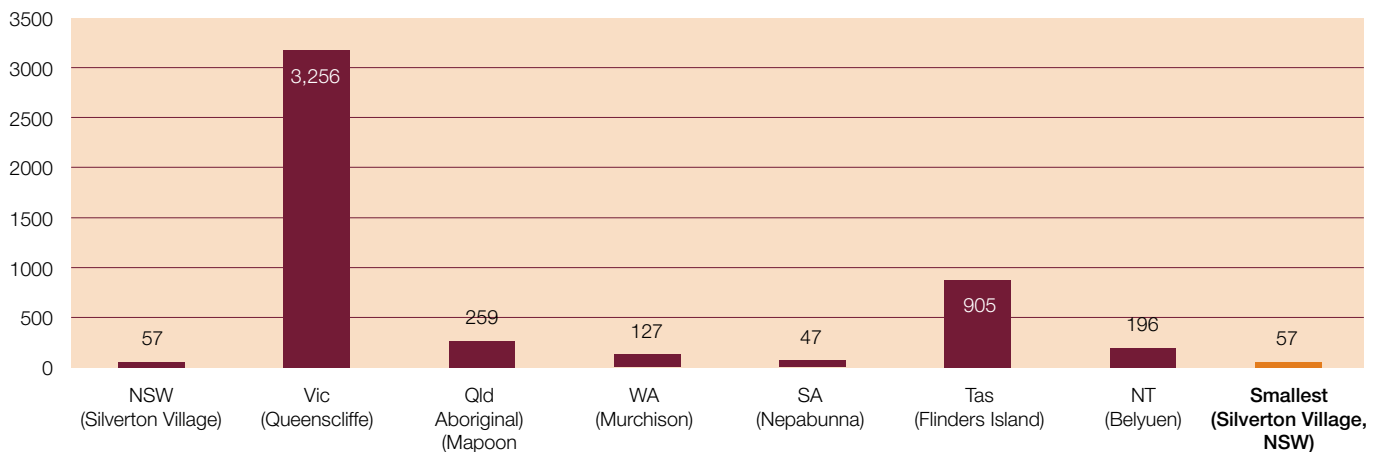
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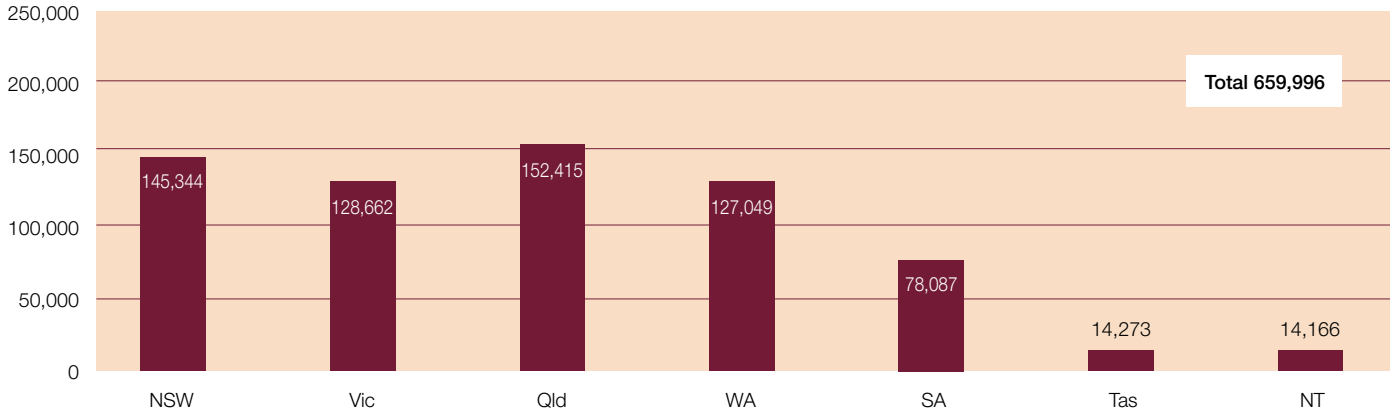
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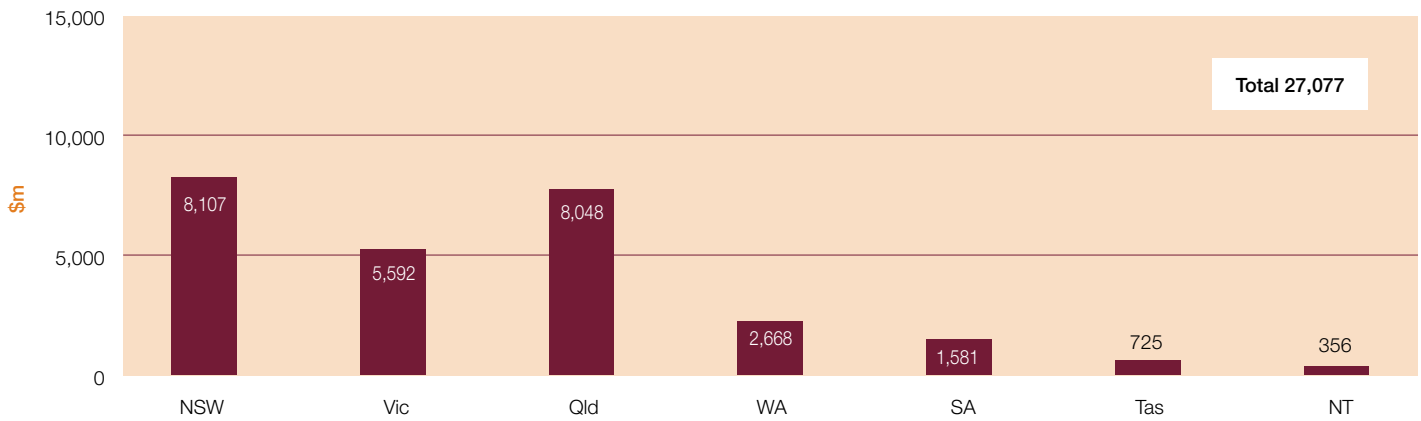
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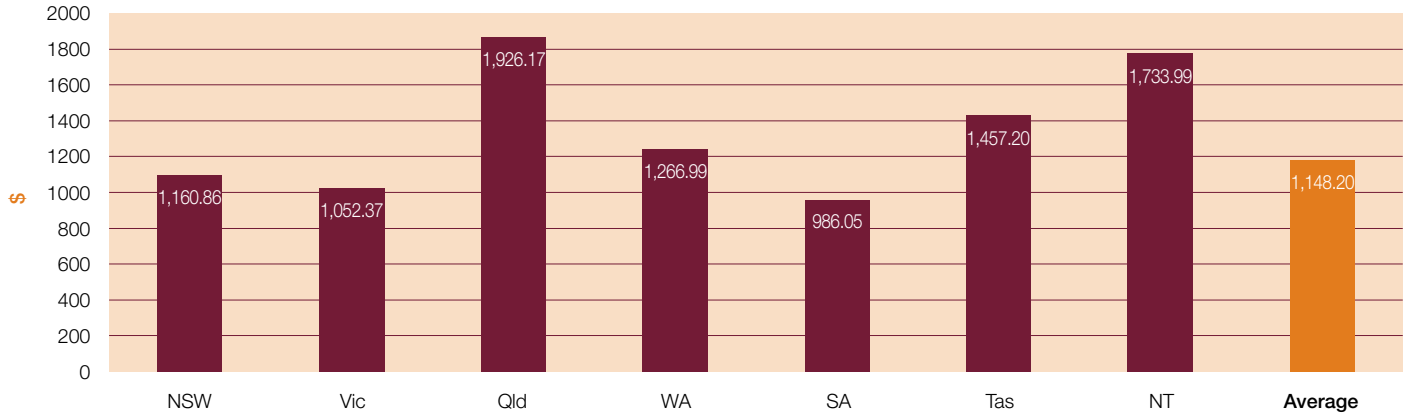
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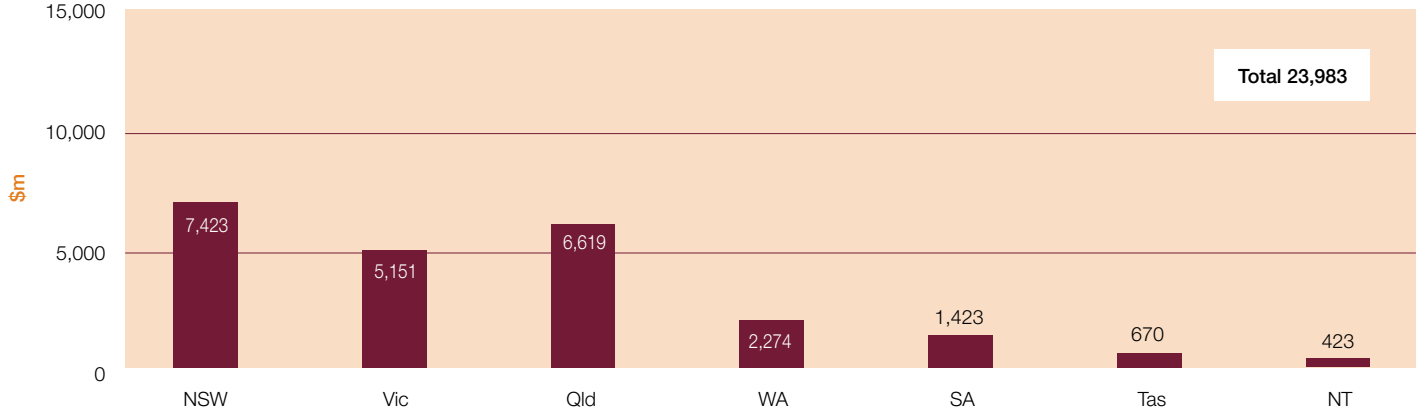
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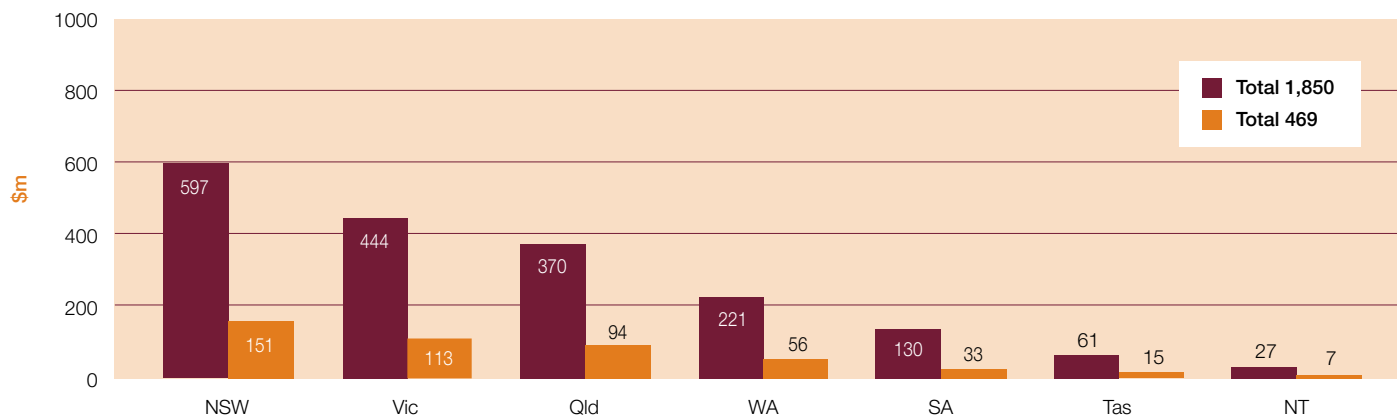
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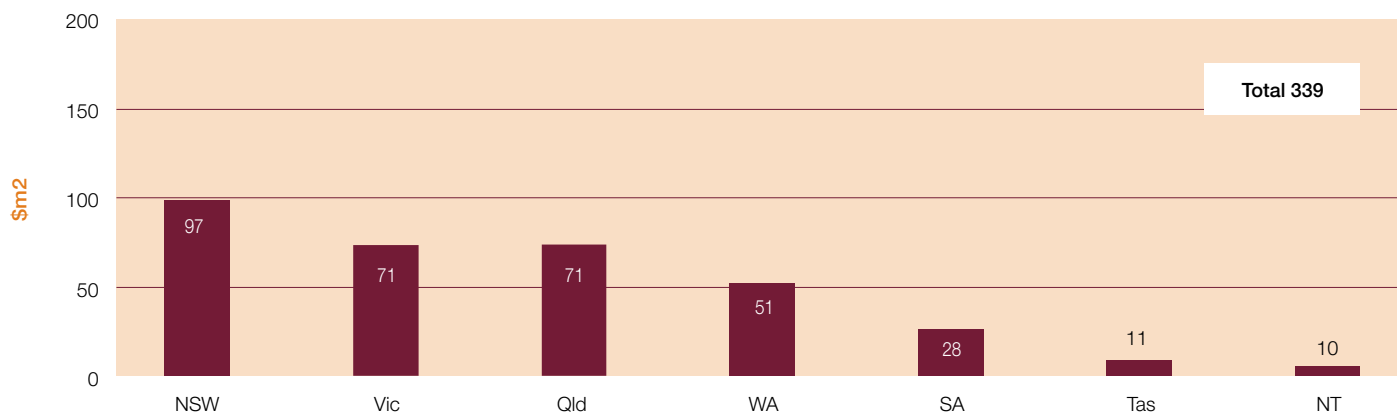
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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGGREGATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2008-09 & FAGs BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2009-10 ALLOCATION FOR PAYMENT IN 2008-09¹



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGGREGATE ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING 2009-10²



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 3 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. 2009-10 figures are the allocation of the current (2009-10 to 2013-14) Roads to Recovery program. The current program allocates funding to local governing bodies in each State and Territory as follows: NSW \$484m, Vic \$356m, Qld \$356m, WA \$256m, SA \$142m, Tas \$57m, NT \$51m.

The Northern Territory figure includes funding for roads which were in unincorporated areas prior to the local government changes which came into effect on 1 July 2008, the responsibility for which is in the process of being transferred from the Northern Territory Government to Northern Territory local government.