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Local government is a complex and diverse sector:

- 79 municipalities – 48 rural & regional, 9 interface and 22 metropolitan
- Populations range from 3,100 to more than 266,000
- Annual revenue of \$7.7 billion (as at June 2012)
- Responsible for \$69.1 billion in assets (as at June 2012)
- Total grants and transfers to local government in 2013/14 will be \$860M
- Each municipality manages significantly different budgets:
 - Rural council budgets average \$52M (smallest is approx \$8M)
 - Metropolitan council budgets average \$150M (largest is approx \$526M)
- Governed by 631 elected councillors and 3 administrators (Brimbank)
- Employs 44,982 people (as at June 2012)



Key Achievements 2012-13

Elections – Recent Council Elections

Performance Reporting Framework

Differential Rates



Key Achievements 2012-13

Miscellaneous ACT

Victorian State-Local Government Agreement

Ministerial-Mayors Advisory Panel



Key Achievements 2012-13

Improvements to Library Services

Procurement Guidelines

Roadside Weeds and Pests Management

Local Government Investigations and
Compliance Inspectorate

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Emerging Issues/Priorities for 2013-14

Governance and Conduct Review

Electoral Review

Local Government Cost Containment



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Tomorrow's Library

Best Practice Rating Strategy



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