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## Journal: *Commonwealth Local Governance and Development*

An eJournal co-auspiced by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum and the UTS Centre for Local Government, published by the University of Technology, Sydney.

### Background to the e-Journal Initiative

At the last Commonwealth Local Government Conference in New Zealand in March 2007, a colloquium was held to explore themes that CLGF might pursue in strengthening the research voice of local government in the Commonwealth. Participants agreed that an eJournal would be a good vehicle for the dissemination of local government ideas and practices, bringing together perspectives of both researchers and practitioners from Commonwealth countries.

The journal's editorial priorities and themes are the result of these deliberations.

### Editorial Priorities

The main concerns of this publication are:

#### Improving local governance

##### *Local government as an agent of development*

Contributions may address these themes via any of the following sub-themes (agreed at the colloquium in Auckland):

- Concepts of local democracy, citizenship and community participation/empowerment
- Strategic leadership and planning
- Traditional leadership and local government, or alternative sites of authority
- Improving local governance (better systems, efficiency, effectiveness, ethics etc)
- Decentralisation and re-centralisation
- Municipal finance and capacity (including aid management)
- Global issues and local government: climate change, health, economic transformation, urbanisation etc
- Social inclusion (including gender equity and poverty alleviation)
- Performance measurement and management
- Inter-government relations

The editors can provide further advice if required on how an idea or material might be framed as a question or research issue in light of these themes. For instance, for intergovernmental relations, the question might be "How does intergovernmental relations empower [or does not empower] local government as an agent of development/ improve local governance [In country x]"

### The Editorial Board

We are inviting professionals and researchers drawn from academic institutions, government and non-government organisations in Commonwealth countries to join an editorial panel and act as peer reviewers for articles. This list is still under development. Independent and appropriately qualified content reviewers will also be used from issue to issue depending on the nature of work received.

### Submissions

Full guidelines will be published shortly. For the moment, please note the following when submitting material:

**Peer reviewed content** (typically 4-6,000 words). This can comprise:

- **Papers** – presenting results from scholarly enquiries
- **Case studies** – detailing analysis of best practice, examples of innovation, accounts of work or initiatives, positive and/or otherwise for others to learn from
- **Literature reviews** – the critical examination of scholarly literature of relevance to the sector.

**Edited content** (500-2000 words). This can comprise:

- Practitioner reports – an outline of a project or initiative with a focus on findings and lessons
- In-country Reviews – an outline of trends developments in local government in a place, region or country
- Conference Reports – an overview of a relevant conference with a focus on sessions or keynotes of relevance to the readership or aims of the journal
- Work in Progress – an outline of current or ongoing research or activities either for networking purposes or knowledge sharing
- Opinion – your view about a current issue or experience of current topics related to local government in the Commonwealth
- Book review – a recently read title or one suggested by the Editorial Board.

### Guidelines checklist

- The submission has not been published before or is currently under consideration
- Times font, 12 Point, 1.5 spaced
- Word or Rich Text format only – not PDF
- Images and graphics as .jpg or .gif files, and resized if possible to reduced file size
- 1MB maximum file size overall
- Harvard in-text referencing. See [www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/ref1.html](http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/ref1.html)
- Additional notes at the bottom of the page, not end-notes.
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- Additional items not cited may be appended for inclusion at the Editor's discretion, ie biographical or other.

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