



Item 11.1 (iii)

Joint Organisations Review

Summary of progress, JO Chairs Forum, 27 May 2021



Progress report

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May 2021



Project overview and progress to date



Data collection and consultation



Emergent themes from the data



Facilitated discussion



What's next for the Review

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Purpose of the Review

The **overall objective** of this Review is to ensure the JO model is effective and supports JOs to deliver their core functions of advocacy, strategic leadership, and better outcomes for regional communities.

It is an **assessment of effectiveness** of the JO operational model in facilitating the delivery of core functions and statutory obligations and increasing collaboration with external partners.

It seeks to understand specific contextual factors for each JO and broader insights about the JO model.

It will deliver a final report (July 2021) that identifies the strengths and challenges of the model, and actionable and timely opportunities to improve sustainability.

Review methods

- Literature scan to identify good practice features and predictive factors for effective regional governance
- Desktop review of JO documentation
- Survey of General Managers
- Interviews with:
 - All JO Chairs
 - All JO Executive Officers
 - A sample of other JO member mayors
 - A sample of General Managers of member councils
 - A sample of JO associate members
 - A sample of State agencies
- Data analysis to identify key themes and assess in terms of JO purpose and predictive factors for good regional governance.

Review progress

Activity	Progress
Interviews with EOs, JO Chairs, selected member council Mayors	Complete
General manager's survey	Closed, 72% response rate (very high)
Interviews with Associate members, external stakeholders and NSW state officers	In progress

Emerging findings



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- Potential for collective planning and focussed action
- Comparative standing with the State
- A powerful voice for change
- A supportive JO network

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- Ensuring sustainability
- Resourcing compliance
- Configuring JOs to local context
- Identifying regional priorities

Facilitated discussion: What do you think?

- To what extent do these themes capture your views?
- What is needed to strengthen the JO model?

What's next

- **Develop emergent themes** to reflect stakeholder feedback, and survey data analysis.
- **Developing in-depth JO profiles** (contextual features, projects, priorities, successes and challenges) to ensure general recommendations can be tailored to specific contexts.
- **Develop recommendations** for the JO model into the future.
- **Draft report** (end of June 2021) and **final report** (14 July 2021).

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