



## **NOTICE OF REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE NEW ENGLAND AREA**

The Hon Barbara Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, has engaged Mrs Gabrielle Kibble AO as a facilitator to undertake a review of local government services currently provided by Armidale Dumaresq Council, Guyra Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council.

The review is aimed at examining options for improving service delivery in the New England area, following the collapse of the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils. Extensive discussions with community groups, local government, individuals and government agencies will be undertaken as part of the review process.

The Terms of Reference for the review are as follows:

The facilitator shall:

1. Examine the current arrangements for local government in the following local government areas: Armidale Dumaresq; Guyra; Uralla; Walcha.
2. Consider whether the current arrangements in these local government areas represent the most effective and efficient way of delivering local government services to the community.
3. Identify and consider opportunities for local government to better serve the community in these areas.
4. Report to the Minister for Local Government on these matters by 31 May 2010.

Further information is available on the Review website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/NESACreview](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/NESACreview).

Written submissions may be made by persons or organisations with an interest in putting forward points of view relating to the Terms of Reference. Submissions should be forwarded to the New England Regional Review, Locked Bag A5045, Sydney South NSW 1235 or emailed to [NESACreview@dlg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NESACreview@dlg.nsw.gov.au) by 26 February 2010.

Submissions received will be made publicly available at the discretion of the Facilitator.