



The South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC) was established in 2010. It is the youngest of seventeen ROCs in NSW.

In May 2012, the ACT Government became an official member of SEROC. This was hailed as a landmark to acknowledge the important relationship between the ACT and the surrounding South East NSW Region. Underpinning this was a Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Collaboration, signed in December 2011, between the Australian Capital Territory and NSW Government.

Since its inception in 2010, SEROC has worked collaboratively on several regional priorities such as waste management, establishing a Capital Region Living website, identifying skill shortages and developing an industry attraction investment framework.

In January 2014, SEROC engaged a new Executive Officer. The commencement of a new era in SEROC, combined with the developments taking place regarding the NSW Local Government Reform process, has created an ideal opportunity for SEROC to review its future directions. While the timeline regarding the implementation of the Local Government Reforms is still unclear, SEROC believes it needs to be on the front foot and therefore be “ahead of the game”.

At its meeting in May 2014, the SEROC Board endorsed the development of its first Integrated Strategic Plan (the plan) and a review of its governance arrangements once the plan is completed.

The SEROC Board comprises all General Managers and Mayors of each local government authority as well as the ACT Chief Minister and an appropriate Senior Executive within the ACT Public Service.

The General Managers Advisory Committee, who reports to the Board, comprises all General Managers of each local government authority and a senior officer within the ACT Government.

The Executive and Chairs of the Board and GMAC are elected at the SEROC’s Annual General Meeting.

The Executive comprises the elected representative and General Manager/Senior Executive of the Chair of SEROC/GMAC, three other members comprising elected representatives and their associated General Managers/Senior Executive and the immediate past Chair of SEROC (elected representative only).

Currently, SEROC comprises seven Working Groups (WGs):

- Information Technology
- Organisational Development
- Resource Recovery
- Procurement
- Risk Management
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development.

SEROC, GMAC and WGs meet on a quarterly basis.