Social Determinants of Health and Local Governance Frameworks

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Community

An Australian Government Initiative
What are social determinants?

- "The **social determinants of health** are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels."

World Health Organization
Current challenges

From 2016 to 2036, our population is projected to increase by 42% to 1,033,500

83,000 Indigenous people (11% of our population and 11% of total Australian Indigenous population)
Source: Queensland Health

31 Local Government Areas (LGAs)

4 Hospital and Health Services

80% of our population live in ‘outer regional Australia’

21 out of 31 LGAs have people living in very remote areas

8% of our population live in ‘remote’ or ‘very remote’ areas
A better model for all
Building on existing research

Previous reviews:

- **2005** - Size, Shape and Sustainability of Queensland Local Government [Local Government Association of Queensland]

- **2016** - Queensland Government Independent Public Schools initiative [Department of Education and Training]
Future vision of governance in northern Australia

Includes:

- Establishment of Healthy Communities strategy
- Creation of Health Action Coordinator positions
- To sit within Regional Organisation of Councils (ROCs)
A vision for the greater good

• Our vision is for a society where people are empowered

• Without any new Government money