



LOCAL DECISION MAKING

ACCORD NEGOTIATION PROCESS



What is the purpose of an Accord?

Accords between NSW Government and regional alliances participating in Local Decision Making are a mechanism to:

- Re-define the relationship between government and Local Decision Making communities, where information and decision-making is shared.
- Direct service delivery redesign and reinvestment according to the needs and priorities defined and negotiated between government and regional alliances.
- Demonstrate to communities the commitment by government agencies to the aims and objectives of Local Decision Making.

The integrity and quality of the Accord making process will directly impact the integrity and quality of the decision or agreements made within the Accord. The Accord making process is a timely process that will have direct impact on the ongoing relationships between the NSW Government and the Local Decision Making communities that are parties to the Accord.

Regional alliances are responsible for:

- Identifying key priorities for negotiations, consistent with community aspirations and sentiments.
- Determining issues and topics that are in or out of scope.
- Establishing accountability processes and structure for reporting back to constituents.
- Nominating a Lead Negotiator and negotiation panel/s.

The NSW Government is responsible for:

- Determining what aspects of service delivery are open to Accord negotiations.
- Establishing a clear operational and accountability framework within government.
- Nominating a lead negotiator and agency negotiators.
- Ensuring the NSW Government representatives have the appropriate seniority, authority and delegation.
- Sharing data and information on Accord priorities.

Accord Sign Off

Accord Implemented

