

State Plan “A new direction for NSW” for consultation

The Premier has released the draft State Plan “*A new direction for NSW*” for consultation. You can download the draft Plan from the NSW Government website www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan . You can also take part in an online survey about the plan, which allows you to rank the priorities in the draft plan.

Written submissions are due by 8 September 2006. Submissions should be sent to:

NSW State Plan
Premier's Department
GPO Box 5341
Sydney NSW 2001

NCOSS has prepared an initial response to the plan, on their website www.ncoss.org.au under Hot Issues. You may wish to refer to this initial response if you are attending one of the community consultations or when preparing a written submission.

The NCOSS response is divided into two sections. The first sets out some general comments. The second looks at each of the draft plan themes in more detail. NCOSS welcomes your feedback on this initial response and on the draft State plan. Your comments will be considered when NCOSS produces its final response and submission in early September. Please email your comments to Michelle Burrell, NCOSS Acting Director, on michelle@ncoss.org.au

The draft State Plan follows successful initiatives in Victoria and Tasmania where clear targets, actions and results are now built into how government does its work. NCOSS has advocated for a similar approach here in NSW.

To that end, NCOSS released a possible model for social performance reporting early in 2005. Published in the report “Measuring Up”, NCOSS proposed a set of social performance indicators that we believe should form the basis of the NSW State Plan.