

# media release

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## Have your say on our commitment to work with you

Chair of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) Bill McIntosh is encouraging people who live or work in the Outback to have their say about a draft community engagement policy.

Releasing '*Community Engagement – Our Commitment*', Mr McIntosh says it outlines how the OCA is proposing to improve opportunities to involve the Outback community in decision-making.

"People who live, work or own property in the Outback hold the greatest stake in our work to support communities to deliver infrastructure and services," he says.

"Ensuring that people have convenient opportunities to contribute ideas and influence decisions, is going to be vitally important so this is one of the first things we have decided to address.

"We know it's a challenge to engage people in diverse and remote locations but we're committed to finding ways to make it easier for people to play a part in shaping the future of the Outback."

A letter, as well as a feedback form, copy of the draft policy and a reply paid envelope, was sent to residents and land holders late last month.

People in OCA areas can also provide their comments until 31 January 2011 by completing an online version of that feedback form, available on the OCA website at [www.oa.sa.gov.au](http://www.oa.sa.gov.au)

The OCA is also inviting people to register their details so they can keep in touch about issues relevant to them. Registration is online or by using the form provided by mail.

*The OCA is a statutory authority responsible for local governance in the South Australian Outback, where there are more than 30 Outback communities and numerous grazing and farming properties not serviced by local councils. For a full list of the communities it supports, please visit the OCA website.*



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