



Appendix three – Functions of a Local Health District Board

1. The Local Health District Board for a LHD has the following functions:
 - a) to ensure effective clinical and corporate governance frameworks are established to support the maintenance and improvement of standards of patient care and services by the LHD and to approve those frameworks
 - b) to approve systems:
 - i) to support the efficient and economic operation of the local health district
 - ii) to ensure the district manages its budget to ensure performance targets are met
 - iii) to ensure that district resources are applied equitably to meet the needs of the community served by the district
 - c) to ensure strategic plans to guide the delivery of services are developed for the LHD and to approve those plans
 - d) to provide strategic oversight of and monitor the local health district's financial and operational performance in accordance with the state-wide performance framework against the performance measures in the performance agreement for the district
 - e) to appoint, and exercise employer functions in relation to, the chief executive of the local health district
 - e1) to ensure that the number of NSW Health Service senior executives employed to enable the LHD to exercise its functions, and the remuneration paid to those executives, is consistent with any direction by the Health Secretary or condition referred to in section 122 (2)
 - f) to confer with the chief executive of the LHD in connection with the operational performance targets and performance measures to be negotiated in the service agreement for the district under the National Health Reform Agreement
 - g) to approve the service agreement for the LHD under the National Health Reform Agreement
 - h) to seek the views of providers and consumers of health services, and of other members of the community served by the local health district, as to the district's policies, plans and initiatives for the provision of health services, and to confer with the chief executive of the district on how to support, encourage and facilitate community and clinician involvement in the planning of district services
 - i) to advise providers and consumers of health services, and other members of the community served by the local health district, as to the district's policies, plans and initiatives for the provision of health services
 - j) to endorse the local health district's annual report
 - k) to liaise with the boards of other LHDs and specialty network governed health corporations in relation to both local and state-wide initiatives for the provision of health services
 - l) such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by the regulations.
2. A LHD board must not exercise a function in a way that is inconsistent with the exercise of a function by the Health Secretary (including a function that has been delegated to the Health Secretary).