

## **Local advisory bodies**

Local advisory bodies have been established in the Griffith and Swan Hill-Robinvale regions.

### **Who will be part of this body?**

Membership of each local advisory body includes two representatives of local horticulture growers, one from local government, one representative of the Australian Workers' Union and two representatives from community organisations (including a church representative). In addition to this membership, each local advisory body has representatives from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship as observers and to assist in the deliberations.

### **Why establish a local advisory body?**

Local knowledge is essential to the success of the Pilot. These bodies will advise the Government on the local situation and ensure the availability of transport, accommodation and demand for workers are considered. The local advisory bodies will also be consulted about labour hire company's proposals to manage the recruitment and placement of Pacific seasonal workers in the area.

### **What exactly will this body do?**

The local advisory body liaises with the labour hire companies appointed to employ and place the Pacific seasonal workers in the region, participates in dispute resolution processes if necessary, advises the labour hire company(s) on suitable accommodation and transport for Pacific seasonal workers, and contributes to the pastoral care and community acceptance of Pacific seasonal workers.