

Local and Regional Voice Regions

The Interim Report proposes a Local and Regional Voice would be set up at the regional level, with clear pathways for local communities and groups to participate.



Proposed overall number of regions

Under the proposal, there could be between 25 and 35 regions across Australia.

A number in this range would be sustainable and regions would be able to capture existing cultural identities and regional groupings.

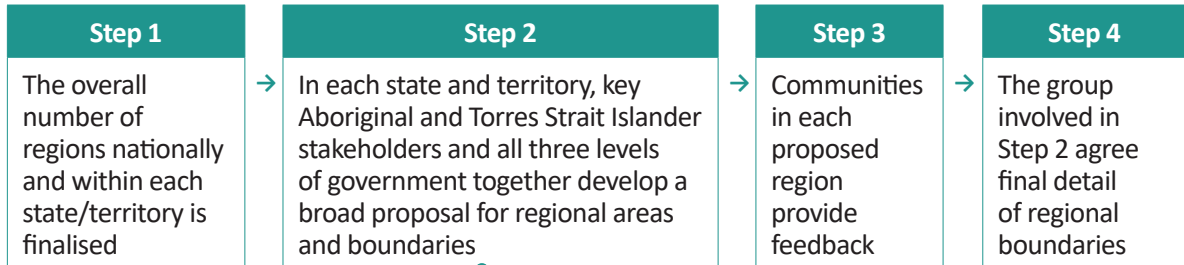
The table shows the possible number of regions in each state/territory if there were 25, 30 or 35 regions overall. These numbers are based on relative population numbers, geographic spread and historical approaches.

Feedback from consultations will help to inform an exact number of regions to be included in the final report for the Australian Government's decision.

Jurisdiction	25 regions	30 regions	35 regions
ACT	1	1	1
NSW	5	6	7
NT	4	5	6
QLD (exc. TSI)	5	6	7
Torres Strait	1	1	1
SA	2	3	3
Tas	1	1	1
Vic	2	2	2
WA	4	5	7



Proposed process for deciding regions



The proposal would:

- Use the existing regions under relevant arrangements as a starting point, if they are working well
- Use cultural groupings as a key factor
- Look at population number and geographic size
- Align regions to state and territory borders, unless there is a strong reason why this would not work.
- Consider whether and how the regional boundaries could match relevant government administrative arrangements, to support effective partnership arrangements.



Does the proposed process for deciding regions seem right to you?



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