

## Define Strategic Initiatives Aligning Strategic Outcomes with Associated Benefits and Outputs

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### **Definitions**

- Strategic Initiative
  - Program of Work (multiple projects)
  - Project
- Outcome
  - A result or consequence
     i.e. a change of significance
- Benefits
  - The advantages provided by an outcome; the underlying reason/s for pursuing the outcome
- Output
  - Product, service





# Hierarchy of Strategic Initiatives





## Hierarchy of Strategic Initiatives

Organisational Strategy
Outcomes
Benefits
Outputs

**Operations** 

Strat.Init. 1
Outcomes
Benefits
Outputs

Strat.Init. 2

Outcomes
Benefits
Outputs

Outputs

Strat.Init. 3

Outcomes

**Benefits** 

Outputs

Strat.Init. 1-1

Outcomes
Benefits
Outputs

Strat.Init. 1-2

Outcomes
Benefits
Outputs

Strat.Init. 1-3

Outcomes

Benefits

Outputs

Strat.Init. 3-1

Outcomes

Benefits

**Outputs** 

Strat.Init. 3-2

Outcomes Benefits

**Outputs** 



### **Outcome Profile**

- Description
- Realisation Timeframe
- Owner
- Benefits
- Outputs
- Success Criteria
- Dependencies
- Risk Assessment



Initiative 1-1

## **Example - Public Sector Governance Initiative**

Departmental Corporate Plan

Initiative 1-3

Operations

Strategic Initiative 1

Strategic Review Project

Strategic Strategic Strategic

Initiative 1-2

Strategic Initiative 3-1

Strategic Initiative 3-2

Strategic

**Initiative 3** 



## Public Sector Governance Initiative

## **Departmental Corporate Plan**

### **Governance Review Project**

#### **Outcome Profiles**

Outcome 1
Staff Aligned
With Good
Governance

Realisation Timeframe
Owner
Benefits
Outputs
Success Criteria
Dependencies
Risk Assessment

Outcome 2

Current
Governance
Benchmarked
With Best
Practices

Realisation Timeframe
Owner
Benefits
Outputs

Success Criteria Dependencies Risk Assessment Outcome 3

Options For Improving Current Governance

Realisation Timeframe
Owner
Benefits
Outputs
Success Criteria

Dependencies
Risk Assessment

Outcome 4
Governance

Improvements

Integrated With Other Initiatives

**Realisation Timeframe** 

Owner

**Benefits**Outputs

Success Criteria
Dependencies

**Risk Assessment** 



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## Governance Review Project Outcome Profile 1

#### **Description**

Management and staff are aligned with good governance

#### **Realisation Timeframe**

- Stage 1 "Commencement Stage" During the project
- Stage 2 "Formalisation Stage" After the project

#### **Owner**

Project Sponsor

#### **Benefits**

- Broad ownership of good governance
- Improved adoption of sustainable good governance
- Promote a culture of good governance
- Improved cross-office team work and communication
- Enhanced organisational capacity
- Project and stakeholder initiated governance related discussions



## Governance Review Project Outcome Profile 1

#### Outputs - Stage 1 – during the project

- "Key Messages"
- Project Communications Approach
- Communications Templates
- Senior Management Briefing
- Project Stakeholder Engagement Approach
- The Way Forward Report Communications Strategy

#### **Success Criteria**

- Stage 1 During the project
  - Measuring understanding and awareness
     e.g. workshop feedback forms, surveys
- Stage 2 Post-project
  - Continued measurement of understanding and awareness
  - Management feedback about their perception of the integration of good governance



# **Governance Review Project Outcome Profile 1**

#### **Dependencies**

- Key stakeholder briefing session
- Departmental organisational chart
- Departmental reference/background material.
- Way forward report format
- Good governance "value proposition".
- Advice/guidance from reference group
- Departmental branding and communications standards
- Departmental communications group timely approvals
- Understanding departmental communications processes
- Ongoing reference group involvement

#### **Risk Assessment Summary**

• 14 risks identified, with nil (0) high risks, two (2) medium risks and twelve (12) low risks



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**Organisational Strategy** 

Outcomes Benefits Outputs

**Operations** 

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**Outcome Profiles** 

Strat.Init. 2
OUTCOME 1
Benefits
Outputs

Strat.Init. 2
OUTCOME 2
Benefits
Outputs

Strat.Init. 2
OUTCOME 3
Benefits
Outputs

Strat.Init. 2
OUTCOME 4
Benefits
Outputs