

The strategic alliance network

One of the principal recommendations coming from the 1994 Commonwealth Law Enforcement Review (CLER) arrangements was that the AFP and NCA would form a strategic alliance by pursuing joint operational initiatives and ensuring operation duplication did not occur in the fight against organised crime.

Other key recommendations included the establishment of the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board (CLEB) to provide the Government with better co-ordination of policy advice, priority

setting and operations arrangements and the establishment of the Office of Strategic Crime Assessments (OSCA) to provide assessments of emerging crime trends that may threaten the Commonwealth's interests.

Of major impact to the AFP was the recommendation that it be restructured to focus on areas such as serious fraud and organised crime.

This required the fostering of co-operative arrangements between the AFP and specialist agencies; the better co-ordination of law-enforcement activities through CLEB and Heads of Commonwealth Operational Law Enforcement Agencies (HOCOLEA) and the improvement of Commonwealth fraud control arrangements.

Commonwealth law-enforcement Operating Framework

Source: Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board

For a glossary of terms see page 38.

