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### Local Government and Service Delivery: The Amatola Basin in Ciskei p 43

The role of the tribal authorities in delivering services to rural areas is described by **Cecil Manona**, in a paper on the Amatola Basin in Ciskei. Tribal authorities are constituted undemocratically and observe little responsibility towards those whom they represent. This factor, combined with an effectively low degree of real executive authority and the constraints imposed by traditional forms of acting, means that there is a very low standard of service delivery in areas under the jurisdiction of tribal authorities.

### The Challenge of Metropolitan Government in Durban p 46

**Simon Bekker** discusses the role of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) in delivering services. Although the RSCs have a fairly impressive administrative and institutional capacity, and engender a recognition of mutual interdependence within a region, they lack political credibility and direct accountability to residents. With regard to metropolitan government in Durban, he consequently argues that the positive features of RSCs should be exploited whilst their flaws should be avoided.

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