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ALGA 2022 Federal
Election Priorities.pdf

To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

As the national voice of local government, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) advocates on behalf of Australia's 537 councils for funding and policy outcomes that support local governments to deliver better results for their communities.

Each year we hold a National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra where councils from around our nation discuss current and emerging challenges and opportunities and advocate to the Federal Government on critical issues facing our sector.

The motions passed at our NGA inform ALGA's strategic direction and national advocacy objectives. We listen to what you tell us, and take your message to Ministers, MPs and decision-makers in Canberra and around the country through Ministerial meetings, forums, budget submissions, and advocacy campaigns.

Next year's NGA will be held in Canberra from 19-22 June and will be an opportunity for us to clearly set and articulate our agenda to a new or returning Federal Government.

The theme for this event will be *Partners in Progress*, focusing on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and local governments, can tackle the immediate challenges facing communities and help us confidently prepare for the future.

We are now calling for motions for next year's NGA, and I would encourage you to consider whether there is a strategic issue of national importance that your council can bring to this event.

We have prepared the attached discussion paper which covers some of the critical national policy areas that our sector needs to consider now and into the future and will help you prepare your motion.

To assist us, please ensure that your motions meet the following criteria:

- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
- Be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
- Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;

Be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
Propose a clear action and outcome; and
Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

All motions should have a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your council. Motions can be lodged online at alga.asn.au until 11:59pm on Friday 25 March 2022.

I've also attached a copy of ALGA's 2022 Federal Election Priorities.

The 17 national priorities outlined in this document have been informed by motions passed at last year's NGA, and unanimously endorsed by ALGA's Board in conjunction with our member state and territory local government associations.

They cover our key priority portfolios of economic recovery, transport, and community infrastructure, building resilience, circular economy and intergovernmental relations, and outline what local government could achieve, if formally recognised and adequately funded.

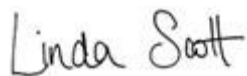
They have been assessed by independent economists, and if implemented by the next Federal Government they would create at least 42,975 new jobs and add \$6.39 billion per annum to Australia's GDP.

In the lead up to next year's election, ALGA and your state and territory local government associations will be calling on all parties and candidates to support these national priorities, empowering local government to play a meaningful role in Australia's recovery.

Your council can support this national campaign by endorsing ALGA's priority asks, identifying local projects and programs that could be delivered with better funding partnerships, writing to local members and candidates, and highlighting the value strong funding partnerships can deliver for your local community.

Will you join ALGA at the 2022 National General Assembly in Canberra from 19-22 June, and will you work with us to advocate for these key national priorities and help ensure no community is left behind in Australia's COVID-19 recovery?

Any administrative inquiries can be directed to ALGA by calling 02 6122 9400.



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