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The Local Government Association has welcomed today's appointment of the Hon Geoff Brock MP as the new Minister for Local Government, the Hon Nick Champion MP as Minister for Planning and Deputy Premier Susan Close MP as Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

LGA President Mayor Angela Evans said South Australia's councils were central to creating thriving communities and having someone so well-acquainted with local government would be an asset to build on the existing partnerships between the state government and the sector.

"Minister Brock has significant experience in the sector and a good grasp on the priorities that matter for communities, having been involved in local government over many years including six served as Mayor of Port Pirie Regional Council.

"We know Minister Brock understands the central role that councils play in regional communities, and we think that's a great perspective to bring to the portfolio.

"We're pleased to be able to work with the new planning Minister Nick Champion as the sector navigates once-in-a-lifetime reforms to the state's planning system and the introduction of e-Planning.

"Alongside that the sector also has significant priorities across climate change, waste and recycling, stormwater and dog and cat management, and we look forward to being able to engage with Deputy Premier Susan Close in her portfolio responsibilities for Climate, Environment and Water.

Mayor Evans noted several newly elected Members of Parliament have transitioned from the local government sector, including Member for Flinders Sam Telfer and Member for Davenport Erin Thompson.

“Whatever side of the house they sit on, having more members of parliament with a first-hand knowledge of our sector, its value and its achievements, has to be a good thing,” Mayor Evans said.

“We’re now looking forward to working in partnership with the state government to advance key priorities that deliver liveable South Australian communities, like affordable housing, mobile blackspots, regional health workforce and so much more.

“We also look forward to formalising the arrangements for local government to have a regular seat at the Cabinet table, which presents the State Government with a unique opportunity to better understand local needs across the state.

“A ticket to the Cabinet table each quarter is a great opportunity for our sector to have a voice – we’re really excited about the benefits this could bring for our communities.

“By working closely to identify the most efficient way to deliver services to local communities, we can deliver savings to state taxpayers and local ratepayers.”

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