

ALGA Board action to pursue National General Assembly Resolutions

Resolution 1

Kyogle Council and Blacktown City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly re-affirms its call on the Federal Government to end the freeze on the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs).

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and is consistent with ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. ALGA has sought explicit commitments from the major political parties for the restoration of indexation. The Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Julie Collins MP, made such a commitment at the NGA and the Government has including indexation in the out years of the 2016 – 17 Federal budget. The Coalition's National Director, Tony Nutt, in a letter to the Local Government Association of South Australia President David Burgess, specifically stated the Coalition will resume indexation in 2017 – 18, although this was not a formal commitment at the political level. The ALGA Board agreed to continue to advocate for this position and that the Board should write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 2

Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to review the quantum and method of indexing Financial Assistance Grants to ensure that funding is commensurate with increases in the costs of efficient local government service delivery.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and is consistent with ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. ALGA will undertake a review of its policy position on Commonwealth funding of local government over the next 6 months to ensure that it remains relevant. The ALGA Board agreed that, until this review is completed, it would continue to advocate for this position and that the Board should write Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 3

Lockyer Valley Regional Council QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to streamline additional targeted funding directly to local governments.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and is consistent with ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 4

Uralla Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call upon the Federal Government to restore the level of Financial Assistance grants to local government to at least 1% of Commonwealth tax revenue and to reintroduce full indexation on this amount for the future.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and is consistent with ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 5

Flinders Shire Council QLD

That the National General Assembly make representation to the Commonwealth Treasurer for the release of the Commonwealth Grants Commission Report titled "Review on Improving the Impact of the Financial Assistance Grants on Local Government Financial Sustainability", completed in December, 2013.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that the Board will seek a copy of the Report, or a detailed briefing on the Report, and that the Board will consider the best course of action after an assessment of its implications.

Resolution 6

Ku-ring-gai Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls for a rating system for Local Government be levied uniformly, with Rates Capping to be abolished across Australia.

Lost

Resolution 7

Byron Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to collaborate with State and Local Governments in the area of innovative funding reform to ensure fairness and equity in service delivery to disadvantaged and vulnerable Australians, align funding outcomes and maximise the impact of limited resources.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is consistent with existing policy and underpins ALGA's participation at COAG and ministerial councils as well as advocacy for program funding and reform. The Board agreed to maintain this position.

Resolution 8

Kyogle Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to create a rural portfolio that will provide a framework for states to apply for federal government funding as well as FAG funding allocations to be redistributed to rural councils in most need.

Lost

Resolution 9

Shoalhaven City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to adopt a consistent Australian wide approach to determine infrastructure deficiencies and funding priorities on key local freight routes, in particular the first and last mile.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that there is a need to continue to support all councils adopting and maintaining a robust approach to asset management and financial planning, in particular in line with approaches supported by state and territory local government associations. ALGA is working with Austroads and all jurisdictions on a national asset management standards project which aims to harmonise asset management data with a view to increasing the level of data consistency across Australia. This project has highlighted the complexity of achieving national harmonization of data across all jurisdictions and is expected to take some time to be completed. In the absence of needs based funding by the Commonwealth to local government, ALGA will continue to generally support broad-based funding programs for local government, such as FAGs and R2R, to assist all councils to address their own priorities.

Resolution 10

Yarra City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly calls for ALGA to continue to raise through COAG structures, the urgent need for re-alignment of Federal funding arrangements so that levels of Government in Australia have a more efficient match between their responsibilities and their finances and importantly to address the growing infrastructure gap and productivity impact.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that there is a need to better align federal funding with responsibilities, in particular with local government responsibilities. The Board agreed that it is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and would be pursued when opportunities arise, and that the ALGA Board will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 11

Yarra City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to restore infrastructure funding, reduce inequitable discrepancies between states, and support rail infrastructure projects.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA's existing policy and consistent with the Joint Infrastructure Statement released by ALGA on 18 May 2016. The ALGA Board agreed it would draw on this Resolution to support ALGA's advocacy as and when appropriate.

Resolution 12

Alice Springs Town Council NT

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian, State and Territory Governments to deliver future infrastructure upgrades in all Aboriginal Living Areas to Australian National Standards.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA current policies and is consistent with ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election document – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, on this matter.

Resolution 13

Isaac Regional Council QLD

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government, through the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Minister for Regional Development, to recognise the importance of roads to the development of the agriculture sector by implementing urgently Recommendation 3.4 of the Australian Infrastructure Plan 2016, that being: Australia needs a National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA's existing policy and consistent with the Joint Infrastructure Statement released by ALGA on 18 May 2016. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, on this matter.

Resolution 14

Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to effectively partner with local government in any adaptation, or delivery of, of the UK City Deals model, including Smart City Plans.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA current policies. The ALGA Board will write to the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation the Hon Angus Taylor MP, on this matter.

Resolution 15

Brisbane City Council QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to investigate innovative funding models (including value capture) for the provision of infrastructure and ensure those models include the ability for local government to access alternative equitable and sustainable funding and financing opportunities.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA current policies. The ALGA Board agreed to write the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, noting that there are limits to the level of risk that councils are able to take on in regard to innovative financing arrangements, and that appropriate safeguards need to be implemented to ensure that the Commonwealth and councils fully understand the risks and limitations.

Resolution 16

Maribyrnong City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to resource Councils experiencing rapid population growth as part of its commitment to promoting sustainable cities to assist with provision of required infrastructure, recognising the obligations of developers to contribute to the costs of infrastructure required for their developments, and service demand.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA policies provided that such funding is in addition to existing funding which is currently provided to all local governments. ALGA strongly supports the concept of developer contributions to assist with the cost of providing community infrastructure. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, with the appropriate qualification.

Resolution 17

Parkes Shire Council NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit to delivering the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Railway (MBIR) within ten (10) years as a matter of national priority.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted that it advocates for a specific project. While it is broadly consistent with ALGA current policies, the project should be considered against other national infrastructure priorities. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, and Infrastructure Australia conveying the Assembly's call.

Resolution 18

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

That this National Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to make funding for the Roads to Recovery Program permanent and to continue allocation of funding as a minimum at current levels.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and is reflected in ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. The ALGA Board agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 19

City of Whittlesea VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to establish an Infrastructure Funding Agency to complement the work of Infrastructure Australia by establishing a financing framework to fund and deliver priority projects.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and requested the Secretariat explore the case for such a funding agency, including consulting with the National Growth Areas Alliance, and provide a report to the Board at its September meeting.

Resolution 20

Orange City NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to require all councils across Australia to submit consistent, accurate and validated data in relation to the condition of road transport assets, including any funding backlogs.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supported the need for a robust assessment of infrastructure needs and all councils having and adopting a robust approach to asset management and financial planning in particular in line with approaches supported by state and territory local government associations. ALGA is working with Austroads and all jurisdictions on a national asset management standards project which aims to harmonise asset management data with a view to increasing the level of data consistency across Australia. This project has highlighted the complexity of achieving national harmonization of data across all jurisdictions and is expected to take some time to be completed. In the absence of needs based funding by the Commonwealth to local government, ALGA will continue to generally supports broad-based funding programs for local government, such as FAGs and R2R, to assist all councils to address their own priorities.

Resolution 21

Blacktown City Council NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to set appropriate standards, and provide technical support and funding for sustainable transport projects and associated infrastructure, including support for electric motor vehicles.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, on this matter.

Resolution 22

Brisbane City Council QLD

That this National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to partner, in association of State and Territory Governments, with local government to deliver smart, connected cities and towns using digital technologies (such as street lighting, parking, CCTV).

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution and will write to the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, on this matter.

Resolution 23

Forbes Shire Council NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide dedicated and meaningful funding for community sporting facilities, with such funding regime commencing in the 2017/2018 Commonwealth budget period.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that is consistent with ALGA's existing policy and is consistent with the call for funding of community infrastructure in ALGA's Federal Budget submission and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. The ALGA Board supports the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on the matter.

Resolution 24

Blacktown City Council NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to fund the maintenance of legacy facilities built for Olympic and Commonwealth Games competition in Australia.

Lost

Resolution 25

East Gippsland Shire Council, endorsed by Latrobe City Council and Wellington Shire Council VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to exempt Airport and Aerodrome Operators from having to meet the requirements of the 'Permitted clearing of native vegetation - Biodiversity assessment guidelines' when maintaining the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) and Visual Segment Surface (VSS) at airports and aerodromes.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed to support the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, on this matter.

Resolution 26

Isaac Regional Council QLD

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government, through the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Minister for Regional Development, to implement the infrastructure reform incentives and long-term regional infrastructure plans elements of the *Australian Infrastructure Plan 2016* to ensure safe and secure supplies of potable water across Australia. Specifically, the implementation of recommendations 1.1 and 4.1 as follows:

1.1 The Australian Government should establish Infrastructure Reform Incentives, which link additional infrastructure funding to the delivery of reform outcomes. This mechanism would encourage state, territory and local governments to deliver productivity enhancing reforms to the planning, construction, operation, ownership and governance of Australia's infrastructure.

4.1 State and territory governments should deliver long-term regional infrastructure plans. In particular, these plans should:

- identify gaps in infrastructure networks and identify priorities to support productive regional industries; and*
- be developed with involvement from all levels of government to help coordinate investments and remove duplication.*

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, on this matter.

Resolution 27

Wyndham City Council VIC

That the guidelines for the National Irrigation Infrastructure Upgrade Fund established by the Federal Government be amended to allow immediate funding for capital projects where business cases have been completed and approved by State Governments and Water Authorities.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, on this matter.

Resolution 28

Flinders Shire Council QLD

That the National General Assembly of Local Government make representations to the Federal Government to end the uncertainty and allocate sufficient funds to complete the capping and piping of the remaining bores that are still wasting water and pressure.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, on this matter.

Resolution 29

Cowra Council NSW

That the National General Assembly:

1. Confirm its opposition to recommendation 4.7 in the Infrastructure Australia Plan Priorities and reforms for our nation's future released in February 2016 that recommends the transfer of council provided water and sewerage services to regional water corporation and their privatisation where commercially viable; and
2. Recognises international research on the remunicipalisation of water and sanitation services over the past 15 years in advocacy in this regard.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and while supporting the provision of appropriate support to assist communities with limited supply options, ALGA strongly opposes this recommendation insofar as it includes (forced) council amalgamations or the transfer of council provided water and sewerage services to regional water corporations and their privatisation where commercially viable. The ALGA Board agreed will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, including appropriate notes from ALGA's detailed response to the IA Australian Infrastructure Plan.

Resolution 30

City of Mitcham SA

The National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to improve local living standards by increasing funding available for stormwater infrastructure. Major upgrade and improvements to local

stormwater infrastructure needs financial support from Federal Government to reduce the effects of flooding.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and support the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 31

Central Highlands Regional Council QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government for more funding to be allocated to the Mobile Black Spot Programme.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Communications, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, on the matter.

Resolution 32

City of Whittlesea VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to amend the legislation and customer charter of NBN Co to require it to provide priority emergency management telephone lines free of charge as part of its social obligations.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Communications, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, on this matter.

Resolution 33

Ku-ring-gai Council NSW

This National General Assembly call for more technologically advanced Councils, who use, for example, electronically advanced hardware and software computer programs and apps which provide swift and efficient pathways to service residents' needs, to enter into voluntary mentoring relationships with less innovative Councils, and for the Commonwealth Government to support this through a funding program.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted that the capacity to work directly with councils lies with the State and Territory Associations. The ALGA Board agreed to support the Resolution

and asked the ALGA Secretariat to work with State and Territory Associations on the possible Federal Government funding program.

Resolution 34

Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to establish a National Local Government Digital Innovation and Smart Communities Acceleration program and funding commitment, to recognise and facilitate the pivotal role of local government in creating local conditions conducive to technology and knowledge-driven economic development, consistent with the National Innovation and Science Agenda.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 35

Shoalhaven City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to reduce the duplication between the Commonwealth and State Governments with respect to Environmental Approvals.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted it is consistent with COAG decisions and work already undertaken. The ALGA Board supports the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP on this matter. Given that COAG and Environment Ministers have addressed this issue the ALGA Secretariat will work Shoalhaven City Council to identify specific areas for reform ahead of writing to the Minister.

Resolution 36

Town of Gawler SA

That the National General Assembly endorses the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted in December 2015, and requests the Australian Government to

create partnerships and provide assistance to local governments to help implement the Paris Agreement including support for action:

1. By local governments to reduce their environmental impacts related to Climate Change.
2. To encourage innovation by local governments, local communities and local businesses to assist in reducing environmental impacts relating to Climate Change.
3. To help with community education to understand Climate Change and effective ways to contribute to the goals set out in the Paris Agreement.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed that it is broadly consistent with ALGA's existing policy and proposals included in the ALGA Budget submissions and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. However, ALGA has not taken a position on the specific agreements made by the Australian Government at the Paris Conference. The Board agreed to support the need for the Commonwealth to engage with local governments to achieve their commitments under the Paris Agreement, and funding for local government to implement programs to reduce community emissions, adapt to climate change and achieve national goals. The ALGA Board agreed to support the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP on this matter.

Resolution 36.1

Nillumbik Shire Council VIC

The Australian Local Government Association calls on the Australian Government to provide direct funding to assist local governments and their related greenhouse action alliances to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agree that it is broadly consistent with ALGA's existing policy and proposals included in the ALGA Budget submissions and Federal Election Plan – Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia. However, ALGA has not taken a position on the specific agreements made by the Australian Government at the Paris Conference. The Board agreed to support the need for the Commonwealth to engage with local governments to achieve their commitments under the Paris Agreement, and funding for local government to implement programs to reduce community emissions, adapt to climate change and achieve national goals. The ALGA Board agreed to support the

Resolution and will write to the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP on this matter.

Resolution 37

Melbourne City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly encourages all Australian councils and local government peak bodies to support and get involved in the Ecocity World Summit to be held in Melbourne between 12 and 14 July 2017 through actions such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Noting Summit details in council and community event calendars and newsletters.
2. Promotion through council and local government peak body publications and websites.
3. Sending council representatives to the Summit.
4. Submitting papers and/or presentations to the secretariat as the Summit program develops.
5. Considering running a local government forum around the Summit themes concurrently with the Ecocity World Summit.
6. Considering how councils might connect with visiting international delegates to further explore and advance local opportunities.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted that this has been publicised in ALGA's newsletter 'ALGA News' and information on this will be sent to the Communication Officers in State and Territory Associations for promotion in their material.

Resolution 38

Port Augusta City Council SA

That the National General Assembly: a) Supports the establishment of the Federal Government's 'Clean Energy Innovation Fund' and the retention of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and Clean Energy Finance Corporation; and b) Pursues opportunities for the Local Government sector to partner with Government and industry in innovative renewable energy and zero carbon solutions that will both reduce emissions and create new local jobs and industries.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, on this matter.

Resolution 39

Hobart City Council TAS

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to reconsider its position with regard to CSIRO job cuts because of the critical importance of the scientific data needed by Councils to accurately inform their climate adaptation strategies and to inform their communities.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, on this matter.

Resolution 40

Shoalhaven City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly support the position of the Australian Coastal Councils Association and call on the Federal Government to implement a coordinated national approach to Coastal Management.

Withdrawn

Resolution 40.1

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW, Eurobodalla Shire Council NSW and East Gippsland Shire Council VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement on the Coastal Zone in consultation with state, territory and local governments as a means of defining the roles and responsibilities of each tier of government in relation to coastal zone management.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, on this matter.

Resolution 41

City of West Torrens SA

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to address the blue green algae problem of the Murray Darling River System, and in conjunction with the Murray Darling Association and/ or Murray Darling Basin Authority commit funding to research and investigation of this breakout.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, on this matter.

Resolution 42

Broken Hill City Council NSW, Mildura Rural City Council VIC, Wentworth Shire Council NSW and Central Darling Shire Council VIC

That the National General Assembly supports the Local Government Authorities of Broken Hill City Council, Mildura Rural City Council, Wentworth Shire Council and Central Darling Shire Council with their campaign for a sustainable Darling River system that ensures the health and wellbeing of the communities that live along it and enriches the Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural values that has been part of its long history.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and note that the National General Assembly supports the Local Government Authorities of Broken Hill City Council, Mildura Rural City Council, Wentworth Shire Council and Central Darling Shire Council with their campaign for a sustainable Darling River system that ensures the health and wellbeing of the communities that live along it and enriches the Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural values that has been part of its long history.

The ALGA Board agreed to write to the movers of the motion to indicate the outcome of the NGA debate.

Resolution 43

Willoughby City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to support the protection of urban bushland and increase local biodiversity values across Australia.

Lost

Resolution 44

Willoughby City Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Minister for Primary Industry and the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources for measures to limit further loss of productive food growing areas that include a comprehensive policy framework driven by long-term food security, and the establishment of a Food and Water Data Commission for the co-ordination of essential food and water related information.

Lost

Resolution 45

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to develop a national guideline for all States and Territories to ban mass balloon release.

Lost

Resolution 46

Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to establish an emergency fund to offset the cost of asbestos related impacts on the community. This fund would be accessible to the agency responsible for the clean-up and to assist with action required to make safe the asbestos threat
FURTHERMORE that the fund is ongoing indexed to CPI and regularly topped up to a level relative to need.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write it to the Minister for Employment, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, on this matter.

Resolution 47

City of Ballarat VIC

That the National General Assembly requests all State and Territory Associations lobby the various State and Territory Governments to provide to all Councils template procurement policies and guidelines that promote green and sustainable building requirements for infrastructure, energy and transport contracts above \$300,000.00.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution and will write to the State and Territory Associations on this matter.

Resolution 48

Lockyer Valley Regional Council QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to increase funding for the appropriate Agency to properly resource the integration into our local communities of migrant workers, refugees and members of other minority groups.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on this matter.

Resolution 49

Isaac Regional Council QLD

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government, through the Attorney-General, to prevent the discrimination practiced by employers that deny employment opportunities on the basis of place of residence in Australia, by including place of residence as a protected attribute in employment under Australia's Anti-Discrimination laws. This National General Assembly notes that it is unlawful in Australia to discriminate on the basis of a number of protected attributes including age, disability, race, sex, intersex status, gender identity and sexual orientation in certain areas of public life, including education and employment; and that place of residence should not be a disqualification for applying for and gaining employment.

The Secretariat has discussed the issue with the council and they have explained that local mining companies are pursuing recruitment of only FIFO employees (limiting employment options for local residents and the ability for people to move to the community). The QLD Government's Infrastructure and Natural Resources Committee recently recommended that the state anti-discrimination legislation be amended to include discrimination based on location, a recommendation the QLD government has committed to adopting.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, including the background information set out above.

Resolution 50

City of Darwin NT

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government and the Federal Parliament to treat with dignity and respect all members of the community regardless of gender or sexuality by supporting changes to the Marriage Act to achieve marriage equality for same sex couples.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, on the matter.

Resolution 51

Byron Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to introduce legislation making it unlawful for a person to engage in offensive behaviour based on another person's gender identity, sexual orientation or related grounds.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, on the matter.

Resolution 52

Ballina Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly write to the relevant Federal Ministers to encourage and support any actions or legislative changes that can or are to be taken to remove or ban the inappropriate messages that are printed on Wicked Camper vans.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on the matter.

Resolution 53

Mildura Rural City Council VIC

Given the high levels of disadvantage, the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to do everything possible to deploy the Gonski recommendations for our education system and reduce the level of education disengagement experienced in Australia.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, on the matter.

Resolution 54

Knox City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to provide continuity and stability of funding to support the provision of 15 hours of preschool to young children across the nation in recognition of the critical importance of the provision of accessible, affordable and high quality early childhood education and care services in building strong foundations for a prosperous, humane and modern Australia.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, on the matter.

Resolution 55

Mildura Rural City VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government do everything possible to minimise the impact of the proposed reforms to the Home and Community Care (Community Home Support Program) program on our senior population.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, on the matter.

Resolution 56

Knox City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to reinstate the funding to the National Partnership Agreement for Preventative Health (NPAPH) to enable State based obesity prevention health promotion/prevention initiatives to continue from 1 July 2016.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, on the matter.

Resolution 57

Central Highlands Regional Council QLD

That the National General Assembly call for existing health-related funding and, where necessary, new funding to support the provision of rural and remote health services in Australia. This includes: initiatives to address the workplace health and safety of remote health professionals, the provision of mental health services generally, and specifically to address drought-related mental illness and resources to combat the escalation of illicit drug use.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, on the matter.

Resolution 58

City of West Torrens SA

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to ban all forms of online gambling advertising during sporting events.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Sport, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, on the matter.

Resolution 59

Port Phillip City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly call on ALGA to work with the Federal Government on innovative ways to improve housing affordability so key workers and families have appropriate and affordable housing options.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July, supports the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, on the matter.

Resolution 60

Tweed Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on both the Federal and State Governments to consider providing an amendment to the Income Tax Assessment Act whereby a private land owner with capacity in their home to let a bedroom or perhaps a granny flat would be exempt from both capital gains tax and land tax provisions should the bedroom or granny flat be let to a person deemed in housing crisis by Centrelink.

Lapsed

Resolution 61

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

That this National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to maintain the current funding levels and percentage ratios for Natural Disaster events.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP, on the matter.

Resolution 61.1

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to engage directly with local government in developing an upfront recovery funding model, including full assessment of its merits prior to introduction.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP, on the matter.

Resolution 62.1

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to:

1. Review and revision of the limitation on cost recovery for restoration works, under which 'only additional council resources such as overtime and extra shifts and additional contracted services are eligible for reimbursement'. This request is based on the additional and unnecessary cost to councils and the wider community brought about by the inability of councils to recover the cost of restoration works undertaken by councils using their day labour resources during ordinary hours of work. This approach does nothing but add cost to the recovery phase.

2. The current closing date for the submission of claims for the recovery of costs of 'Emergency Works' needs to be more flexible. The current three week (21 day) limitation in most cases will not be appropriate and requires extension.

3. Increased support and flexibility in respect to cooperation and assistance from the State Environment Protection Authorities in relation to the collection, storage, processing, re-use and disposal (as necessary) of waste from events. While Council generally supports the approach that the Authorities have in respect to management of waste, in times of major disasters, flexibility and support is needed to assist local communities in dealing with this major impost.

4. Exemption from the State Waste Levies for the disposal of all material as a result of a natural disaster. This cost has a considerable impact on local communities and requires review. Further, when there is a decision to exempt the levy there should also be more flexibility in the time period that this applies subsequent to an event.

5. Increased funding for works in the planning and preparation phases of emergency management, so that required mitigation works can be planned and implemented. It is shown through research and review undertaken by experts in the field of emergency management that this will provide substantial long term financial, social and environmental benefits. The recently released Productivity Commission findings support a re-think by Governments on this issue.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP, on the matter.

Resolution 63

That the National General Assembly calls for: a) Australian Government bipartisan support for the continuation of the National Stronger Regions Program (or similar); and b) State and Territory programs available to Local Government for major infrastructure funding are aligned with the National Stronger Regions to better facilitate increased opportunities for a whole of government approach to project planning and achievement.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories and Minister for Regional Development, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on the matter.

Resolution 64

West Wimmera Shire Council VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to critically evaluate its usage and methodology of the Australian Bureau of Statistics dataset of Remoteness Areas Index, and that these findings be given consideration to address rural disadvantage and support the Federal Government's broader aims of supporting innovation and economic development.

Withdrawn

Resolution 65

Boulia Shire Council QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to significantly increase the remote area tax zone rebate including boundaries to encourage workers and families to live and work in rural and remote parts of Australia.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories and Minister for Regional Development, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on the matter.

Resolution 66

Rockdale City Council NSW

That this National General Assembly call on major political parties and the incoming government to commit to the longstanding policy of successive Australian Governments on Payment of Local Council Rates for Commonwealth Owned Land in specified circumstances together with an assurance that all Government Agencies will be required to act in a manner which is consistent with this Policy.

Lapsed

Resolution 67

Central Highlands Regional Council QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to provide innovative solutions to current electoral processes through the introduction of electronic voting systems for all elections.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Electoral Commissioner of the Australian Electoral Commission, Mr Tom Rogers, and to State and the NT Associations for advocacy with state governments and the NT government.

Resolution 68

Melbourne City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly endorses the following transparency and disclosure principles:

1.Councillor expense claims should be fully disclosed periodically on the council website. 2.International travel by councillors should be pre-approved at an open council or committee meeting, including the likely cost to ratepayers of the proposed travel.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed to refer this Resolutions State and Territory Associations for their consideration.

Resolution 69

Byron Shire Council NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal government to hold a referendum to amend the Commonwealth Constitution to recognise local government.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed it is consistent with existing policy. Given the level support exhibited by the major political parties for the local government Referendum in 2013, the ALGA Board supports the Resolution but reserves the right to determine the best timing for such a campaign. The ALGA Board supports the Resolution and will write to the Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, on the matter.

Resolution 70

Tweed Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on Federal and State Governments to consider instituting into the appropriate taxation systems a 'Booking Tax' on online accommodation booking services like Airbnb, in a similar method to the levying of the Hospitality Tax currently being applied in the United States of America.

Lapsed

Resolution 71

Tweed Shire Council NSW

That the Australian Local Government Association on a six monthly basis provides a status update to all member councils on the current situation of each motion considered at the previous National General Assembly.

Lapsed

Resolution 72

Wingecarribee Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to urgently review the policy on the sale of land to Foreign sovereign investors.

2. THAT the Foreign Investment Board reviews the levels of investment allowable in Australian land and properties.

3. THAT the Australian Local Government Association makes these representations to ensure that Australian agricultural lands remain in Australian ownership to ensure that Australian food and water security is ensured.

Lost

Resolution 73

Melbourne City Council VIC

That the ALGA National General Assembly: 1.Supports the establishment of an independent Federal government agency with a specific mandate to investigate, expose and prosecute corruption in areas of public administration directly overseen by the Federal Government, including the conduct of Federal Members of Parliament; 2.Requests the ALGA President write to the leaders of all political parties represented in the Federal Parliament informing them of the National General Assembly's position.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, as well as the leaders of all political parties on the matter.

Resolution 74

Adelaide City Council SA

That the National General Assembly call upon the Australian Government to provide relief from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on materials and labour used for all listed heritage conservation projects.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Treasurer, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, on the matter.

Resolution 75

Orange City NSW

That the National General Assembly express concern to the building certification authorities in relation to the performance of private certifiers, and request the Board review its complaint management process to ensure home owners are able to lodge complaints and be confident that such complaints will be investigated accordingly.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted that the issue of building certification is a state issue and agreed to refer the Resolution to state and territory local government associations for consideration.

Resolution 76

East Arnhem Regional Council NT

That the National General Assembly supports and encourages councils that represent discrete Indigenous Communities to network and workshop while at the NGA.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and support the resolution, noting that a concurrent session was held at the 2016 NGA. The ALGA Board has tasked the ALGA Secretariat in conjunction with state and territory local government associations to further consider what other opportunities may be worth pursuing to strengthen engagement and networking.

Resolution 77

Blacktown City Council NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to regulate all commercial airport operations (such as the proposed Western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek) to ensure that flight activities over metropolitan areas are subject to curfews which protect the amenity of residential areas, especially at night, except in case of emergency.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, on the matter.

Resolution 78

Wyndham City Council VIC

That the Commonwealth provide adequate funding for NDIS to ensure that children with developmental delay have timely, comprehensive and well-integrated early intervention assessment and support services.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, on the matter.

Resolution B5

Tumut Shire Council NSW

That the National General Assembly support the establishment of the very fast train network in south eastern Australia both to enhance regional development and to compensate for the downturn in the mining industry.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, on the matter.

Resolution B8

Wellington Council NSW

That the National General Assembly call on local government entities across Australia to ensure that water and sewer assets do not become part of any future privatisation agenda by state governments.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted this was a state matter and agreed to refer this Resolution to state and territory local government associations for their consideration.

Resolution B10

Tumut Shire Council

That the National General Assembly call on Federal and state governments to adopt a strategic approach for increased planting of forests in Australia.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, on the matter.

Resolution B13

Leichhardt NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to fund the education of children and young people on respectful relationships, applying a whole of community approach, which is the key to creating generational change to end Domestic and family Violence.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, on the matter.

Resolution B15

Leichhardt NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to ensure National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness includes continued provision of health services for homeless persons in specialist homeless clinics.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. ALGA will write to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Christian Porter MP, on the matter.

Resolution B25

Marrickville Council NSW

That the National General Assembly of Local Government call on the leaders of the two major parties, to immediately intervene to ensure there are no forced amalgamations amongst NSW Local Government Councils noting the concerns with the manner in which the NSW Government has managed the entire NSW Local Government amalgamations process and the way in which the NSW Government has misled and ignored the people and local communities of NSW.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and supports the Resolution. The Board has asked the ALGA Secretariat to work with the NSW Local Government Association on an appropriate implementation strategy.

Resolution A

The NGA calls on all Councils to adopt procurement policies that ensure that materials sourced for council projects, including steel, meet relevant Australian standards for manufacture and fabrication.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and agreed to refer this Resolution, as well as the letter from Minister Koutsantonis and ALGA President's reply, to state and territory local government associations for consideration.

Resolution B

Randwick City Council

The NGA calls upon the ALGA to actively advocate for the earliest possible Local Government election date and no later than March 2017 for the recently proclaimed councils, and any councils which are about to be formed in NSW.

The ALGA Board considered this Resolution on 21 July and noted that ALGA's policy position, in relation to any circumstance that interferes with the continuity of democratically elected local representatives, be that elections to restore the presence of democratic representation be held at the earliest possible date. The ALGA Board agreed that the ALGA President and Secretariat work with the New South Wales Association to develop an agreed strategy to pursue this resolution.