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ASSOCIATION

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VISION

The Australian Local Government Association is a strong, credible and autonomous national voice of Local Government.

MISSION

To champion and strengthen Australian Local Governments by representing the agreed position of Local Government member associations.

OBJECTIVES

To strengthen Local Government in the following areas:

- Financial sustainability;
- Delivering services in regions and cities;
- Infrastructure; and
- Innovation and digital transformation.

ALGA will also facilitate collaboration between state and territory associations in specified areas including:

- local government's role in indigenous policy issues, scale and capacity of local government;
- women in local government; and
- diversity in representation.

KEY OUTCOMES

STRENGTHENED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Strategy 1.1 Secure annual Commonwealth funding for local government equal to at least 1 per cent of Commonwealth Taxation revenue.
- Strategy 1.2 Oppose revenue constraints such as rate capping and oppose cost shifting
- Strategy 1.3 Encourage councils to acknowledge Financial Assistance Grants as a Commonwealth untied grant to local government.
- Strategy 1.4 Strengthen local government's credentials as a trusted partner for tied Commonwealth grants.

STRENGTHENED REGIONS AND CITIES

- Strategy 2.1 Secure appropriate Commonwealth policies and funding to strengthen the sustainability of Australian cities.
- Strategy 2.2 Secure appropriate Commonwealth policies and funding to build and maintain sustainable regional communities across Australia.
- Strategy 2.3 Promote the use of existing regional structures of local government, that may include RDAs, as the primary mechanism to be resourced and augmented as appropriate to deliver Federal regional programs and initiatives
- Strategy 2.4 Work in partnership with the Commonwealth to deliver environmental outcomes, human services, natural resource management, housing and water objectives at the local level with adequate levels of funding.
- Strategy 2.5 Enhance the capacity of Local Government to prepare, respond and effectively recover from natural disasters.
- Strategy 2.6 Ensure the Federal Government understands the benefits of the role of Local Government in land-use planning and long term planning in local government areas.

INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Strategy 3.1 Ensure a safe, effective, sustainable and adequately funded transport system for all local communities including roads, ports and airports.
- Strategy 3.2 Ensure adequate funding for alternative transport such as public transport, cycle paths and walking tracks.
- Strategy 3.3 Secure permanent and doubled funding of the Roads to Recovery, Road Safety Black Spot and Bridges Renewal programs.
- Strategy 3.4 Ensure equitable distribution of Federal local roads funding and advocate for the reinstatement of supplementary Commonwealth funding for local roads in South Australia.
- Strategy 3.5 Secure Commonwealth funding for a targeted local government freight productivity program.
- Strategy 3.6 Strengthen the record of local government as an asset manager.
- Strategy 3.7 Advocate for communications infrastructure to ensure connectivity to a scalable and robust core network for local council offices and local communities.
- Strategy 3.8 Advocate for targeted Commonwealth funding for Local Government community infrastructure, stormwater, sewerage and water infrastructure.

INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Strategy 4.1 Promote the role of Local Government in facilitating innovation and economic development.
- Strategy 4.2 Advocate opportunities for digital transformation to improve productivity and services to communities.
- Strategy 4.3 Advocate for Commonwealth funding for councils for digital transformation to enable smart communities.