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Cr Genia McCaffery
President
Australian Local Government Association
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ALGA MAIL
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Dear Councillor McCaffery

I write in response to a request from the previous ALGA President, Mr Geoff Lake, for the Coalition's position regarding resolutions passed by the ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government.

The Shadow Minister for Climate Action, Environment and Heritage, Greg Hunt, has referred two motions, relating to the water portfolio, to me as they fall within my responsibility.

Please find the Coalition's response below.

Strategic Motion No. 33

The Coalition believes that the sustainability and security of Australia's water supplies is an issue of importance for Federal, State and Local government and that all levels of government must work together in this matter.

The Coalition is committed to ensuring the sustainability and security of Australia's water supplies and believes that this can be achieved through a combination of river, irrigation system and on-farm infrastructure upgrades as well as responsible and targeted water buybacks.

The Coalition took a comprehensive Water Conservation Policy to the last election which included establishing Community Water Conservation Grants to provide communities funding for water conservation projects, including those that capture and re-use stormwater.

Strategic Motion No. 33.2

The Coalition would be happy to discuss with the Australian Local Government Association policies relating to the vertical alignment of water and land use planning.

I hope this information is of assistance and look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

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