

Theme 1 - Population

Strategic Resolution No: 1

Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That this National Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to develop a Population Policy that encompasses proposed sustainable population targets and the provision and maintenance of physical and social infrastructure and ecosystems necessary to sustain the health and wellbeing of local communities and conserve and respect Australia's unique biodiversity.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 2

Council: Redland City

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls for the Australian Government to develop a formal process for consultation with the local government sector in the development of policy positions relating to population management in Australia.

Carried

Resolution No: 2.3

Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to institute a comprehensive inquiry into Australia's population growth including but not limited to:

1. the extent to which current rates of growth have already or are likely in future to:
 - compromise environmental protection measures e.g. the Federal EPBC Act and Victoria's Net Gain policy for native vegetation;
 - make our capital cities less liveable by overloading our residential streets and suburbs with unacceptable, inappropriate and unsustainable development and

spreading unsustainable suburban sprawl onto urban fringes and into protected green wedges;

- Put pressure on our public parks and open spaces which are increasingly being commandeered for public events and residential and other developments;
- Overload a public transport system which has not been adequately resourced to meet existing needs;
- Increase car dependence by encouraging the spread of freeways and tollways that may not be needed if and when we pass peak oil and move to a carbon-constrained economy;
- Damage our heritage properties by creating pressure to lower standards and permit encroachments that would not have been entertained a decade ago;
- Increase unemployment and under-employment rates, particularly among younger and older age groups;
- Increase our carbon footprint by increasing the number of feet (i.e. the number of people living unsustainable Australian lifestyles) and by increasing the size and number of houses being built on the urban fringe;
- Increase the tax and rate burdens on existing citizens to pay for suburban sprawl development that requires heavier expenditure on infrastructure than infill development;
- Enrich property developers and given them an excessive level of power and leverage through political donations and other influence over different levels of government, thus damaging the integrity and purpose of State and local planning schemes;
- Assisted affluent and resourceful economic migrants far more than the world's 42 million refugees;
- Contribute to social strains and tension between communal groups and risk the harmony which we seek for our multicultural society;
- Put pressure on Australia's water and sustainable agriculture resources, thus making it harder for us to provide for our existing population or to maintain the health and productivity of our rivers and waterways; and
- Provided excuses ignoring the impact on greenhouse gas emissions of vast new development proposals.

2. Involve the community in developing a sustainable and acceptable population target with a strategy for stabilising our population, consumption of resources and greenhouse gas emissions while making a transition to a stable society that celebrates and builds on its democratic, multicultural heritage, equality of opportunity, democratic values, diversity, tolerance and vibrancy.

Carried

Resolution No: 2.4

Council: Redland City

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to act in a timely manner to:

1. Formally acknowledge that population figures provided in *Australia to 2050: Future Challenges* are projections based on current policies and trends rather than firm targets;
2. Recognise that while some degree of growth is inevitable over the next few decades, both the pace of growth and the ultimate population size are within the government's power to influence;
3. Model a range of population growth rate scenarios (i.e. high, medium, low and zero);
4. Determine the costs, benefits and impacts of population growth and population stabilisation, address all factors contributing to growth, i.e. births, deaths, net immigration and factors that influence growth, i.e. economic incentives for reproduction, property speculation and investment; and
5. Calculate the impacts of the varying growth scenarios on Australia's economic, environmental and social systems.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 3

Council: City of Whittlesea

Resolution

That this National General Assembly requests the Australian Government to clearly articulate a framework which shows the links between the Population Strategy, Cities Strategy, Capital City Plans, National Strategic Planning Criteria, Infrastructure Australia's infrastructure priorities and the roles of each sphere of Government in their implementation.

Carried

Resolution No: 3.1

Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to financially support the upgrade of infrastructure within regional, rural, remote and Metropolitan Activity Centres to cater for the increased population growth by 2050.

Carried

Resolution No: 3.3

Council: Darwin City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly, through COAG and ACLG, commits to reinforcing the importance of Australian cities and seeks the development of policy to maximise productivity, sustainability, liveability and housing affordability.

That the National General Assembly supports and promotes the development of a National Urban Policy. That the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) works closely and collaboratively with the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) Major Cities Working Group to ensure that the National Urban Policy meets the needs and expectations of Australian cities.

Carried

Resolution No: 4

Council: Bankstown City Council

Resolution

That the 2010 National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth to provide local councils across Australia with the funding needed to implement community and public transport initiatives in local areas and regional and remote road infrastructure projects in order to improve the productivity, liveability and sustainability of major cities in line with the objectives of the Government's Major Cities Program.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 5

Council: Corangamite Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government, as well as the Council of Australian Governments, to:

- (a) Ensure that infrastructure and services provided to rural, remote and regional communities are sufficient to maintain and increase sustainable population growth;
- (b) Embrace and develop decentralisation policies that includes government departments, industry and employment incentives, tertiary education and other measures that stimulates regional Australia;
- c) Develop policy incentives to increase population growth in rural, remote and regional communities as a means of easing pressure on metropolitan infrastructure and ensuring the ongoing viability of regional communities; and
- d) Develop policies that address the needs for increased food production and preservation of productive agricultural industries and land use.

Carried

Resolution No: 5.2

Council: East Gippsland Shire (supported by municipalities of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe, South Gippsland and Wellington)

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on governments at all levels to:

- be guided in their support and understanding of communities by a new, dynamic, socio-ecological paradigm which examines the vulnerabilities of communities, their level of resilience to cope with stresses and disturbances and their capacity to adapt and where necessary, transform to new functional relationships; and
- support the new paradigm by adopting a process of rural proofing, which would provide a way of ensuring equitable policy and program development across metropolitan, rural and regional areas.

Carried

Resolution No: 5.3

Council: Derwent Valley Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government for funding to undertake a pilot study to draw together all policy issues at a Federal, State and Local Government level that can affect the expansion of a rural council experiencing population growth.

Carried

Motion No: 6

Council: Redland City

Motion

That this National General Assembly calls for the Australian Government to set an interim limit to net immigration until a formal population policy is in place.

Lost

Resolution No: 7

Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Aboriginal Affairs to increase the level of settlement services with a particular focus on:

- Language support (English lessons); and
- Housing.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 8

Council: Brewarrina Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government advocates that local councils remain in and/or regain control of their own planning for their districts.

Carried

Resolution No: 8.1

Council: Blue Mountains City Council

Resolution

That in future planning for population growth, the National General Assembly:

1. Affirms the pre-eminent role of local councils and communities in planning decisions; and
2. Actively engages with State and Federal Governments to ensure local control over planning for future population growth.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 9

Council: City of Fremantle for South West Group

Resolution

That this National General Assembly seek to have the Better Cities Program reintroduced to provide for support for local governments to develop demonstration areas for transit orientated development, prepare business plans to expand the use of public transport, extend regional cycle ways and walk paths and develop innovative models for affordable housing.

Carried

Resolution No: 9.1

Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution

That the delegates to this National General Assembly:

Request ALGA to continue to raise with the Federal Government how its grants and subsidies for road based transport, Fringe Benefit Tax concessions, and other taxation advantages for motor vehicle usage, creates major market distortions which undermines public transport systems and the competitiveness of rail freight.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 10

Council: City of Boroondara

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to work closely with the State and Territory Governments and local government to ensure a sufficient affordable housing mix to respond to housing demands.

Carried

Resolution No: 11

Council: Whitehorse

Resolution

That this National General Assembly agree to:

a) Write to the Federal Minister for Housing, congratulating the Federal Government on the allocation of significant funding towards the Commonwealth's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan for the provision of affordable and social housing.

b) Write and advocate to the Federal Minister for Housing and the State Ministers for Planning and the State Ministers for Housing, expressing concerns about the adopted process for the approval of affordable and social housing under the Commonwealth's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. There appears to be little or no regard to consideration of issues raised by Council, the Planning Scheme and its policies, compounded by the lack of wider consultation.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 12

Council: Combines motions below

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government notes the Council of Australian Government (COAG) health reforms and intention of the Australian Government to assume full funding responsibility for aged care (except in Victoria) and primary health care.

Local Government calls on the Australian Government to consult with local government on proposed changes to aged care and primary health care to ensure that these services: a) continue to meet community needs, and b) local government is not financially disadvantaged.

Carried

Resolution No: 12.1

Council: City of Boroondara

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government for greater dialogue directly with Victorian Local Governments in relation to the proposed health care reforms associated with the Draft Building a 21st Century Primary Health Care System: A Draft of Australia's First National Primary Health Care Strategy.

Carried

Resolution No: 13

Council: Brewarrina Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government makes representation to the Federal and State Governments that there be no loss of health services to local communities through the introduction of regionalisation of new federal hospital boards and that all currently existing hospitals are maintained to a level acceptable by local communities.

Carried

Resolution No: 14

Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to provide sufficient funding and resources to local councils to implement actions identified by local government in relation to public health planning.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 15

Council: Narromine Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to fund Local Government to promote healthy lifestyles by providing walking tracks, safe footpaths encouraging all Australians to get out and become more mobile. Further to provide the use of sport and fitness centres or other venues for gentle exercise.

Carried

Resolution No: 16

Council: Corangamite Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to ensure that the ageing population of Australia is provided with the capacity to remain in their own communities through the provision of locally available housing, infrastructure and services to meet their needs.

Carried

Resolution No: 17

Council: Willoughby City Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly advocates for the establishment of a funding model from the Australian Government that will provide financial support which may include interest free or subsidised loans to assist Local Government to facilitate the provision of infrastructure to house services such as nursing, aged care, disability services, dementia care and other similar services for their communities.

Carried

Theme 2 - Participation

Resolution No: 18

Council: City of Fremantle for South West Group

Resolution

That this National General Assembly supports the continuation of skilled migration at high levels, within the context of individual State and Territory migration strategies, to sustain economic growth, counter the trend to an ageing population and address skills shortages.

That this National General Assembly seek confirmation from the Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship that there will be proactive involvement of local governments in the consultation to develop individual State and Territory migration plans.

Carried

Resolution No: 19

Council: Cabonne

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to instigate a federally funded locally managed program of bursaries and grants to address skills shortages relevant to each Local Government Area or region.

Carried

Resolution No: 20

Council: Whitehorse

Resolution

That this National General Assembly, in response to the forecast decline in labour force participation nationally, requests Federal and State Governments to implement specific initiatives to assist local government to attract and retain skilled labour within the sector, in particular:

- Development of a national employment branding project;
- Advocate to tertiary institutions and the federal government for more places in professions currently experiencing shortages in local government;
- Explore innovative remuneration and benefit offerings for local government employees; and
- Explore industrial and welfare barriers to employing a broad, diverse and representative sample of municipal communities.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 21

Council: City of Boroondara

Resolution

That prior to progressing the reforms currently committed by COAG in relation to the Early Years, this National General Assembly calls for further assessment and research to be undertaken to ensure that the implementation of reforms can be fully funded and supported by the State and Federal Governments to ensure that access by families to early years services is not compromised and that no cost shifting occurs.

Carried

Resolution No: 22

Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

That the Australian Government work with local government to provide financial support in relation to recent early childhood development initiatives by both State and Federal Government.

Withdrawn

Resolution No: 23

Council: City of Boroondara

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government and the State and Territory Governments to provide straightforward access to data on service provision for vulnerable population groups, such as older adults and migrants, at a local government area level.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 24

Council: City of Burnside

Resolution

That this National General Assembly encourages the Australian Government and State Governments to act to ban all forms of inappropriate discrimination on the basis of age or age related impairments

Carried

Resolution No: 24.1

Council: Campbelltown City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on Federal, State and Local Governments to improve the manner in which they work together in relation to the management of disability issues by reducing red-tape, increasing productivity and providing valuable services to people with a disability and include Local Government representation on the National People with Disabilities and Carers Council (NPDC) to assist with the development of a National Disability Strategy.

Carried

Resolution No: 25

Council: Bega Valley Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Minister for Local Government, The Hon Anthony Albanese, to note that women, Aboriginal people and people from ethnic backgrounds are underrepresented in local government and that a concerted effort to encourage these groups to participate be instigated before the next local government elections in NSW in 2012.

Carried

Motion No: 26

Council: Bankstown City Council

Motion

That the 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government calls on the Australian Government to provide direct ongoing funding to Local Government and to involve it in a key coordinating role in the establishment of training programs in communities with high youth unemployment, to create pathways for young people to employment opportunities, particularly in local industries experiencing skills shortages.

Lost

Strategic Resolution No: 27

Council: Moreland City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call upon the Australian Government to introduce a National Premises Standard which aligns the Building Code of Australia's minimum standards for disability access, to the objectives of the Disability Discrimination Act, with the identified objective being to provide people with safe, equitable and dignified access to buildings and services and facilities within a building, and that Federal funding be made available to enable Local Government to facilitate compliance with these provisions.

Withdrawn

Motion No: 27.2

Council: Hurstville City Council

Motion

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Building Codes Board for changes to be made to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) to require universal design principles and features, such as wider doorways and passages, and reinforced bathroom walls to allow grab rails to be easily fitted in the future, to be incorporated in the building of new homes and apartments.

Lost

Resolution No: 27.3

Council: Redland City

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls for the Federal Government to broker a tripartite agreement between federal, state and local government for the development of protocols on the provision of community access to libraries and multipurpose halls as outlined in the Building the Education Revolution Guidelines.

Carried

Resolution No: 28

Council: Brisbane City

Resolution

Expand and further develop the public library network so that growing and changing communities are provided with safe, vibrant and engaging spaces and services that will inform communities, meet their information, learning and recreational needs and offer opportunities for meeting, sharing of ideas and creating of content.

Withdrawn

Motion No: 29

Council: Uralla Shire Council

Motion

Noting the forecast decline in the labour force participation rate nationally, the Australian Government needs to review the ever increasing dependence by governments upon the use of the “means test” for pensions when allocating resources, programs and benefits.

Taxation benefits should be available regardless of the income of the taxpayer, so that incentive to earn will be rejuvenated into the Australian Workforce. The mature workers, whom we wish to retain in the workforce, have had their incentive to remain in the workforce removed.

Lost

Theme 3 - Productivity

Strategic Resolution No: 30

Council: City of Onkaparinga

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government:

(a) calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated Local Adaptation Fund under the national Adaptation Framework to support the implementation of the climate change risk assessments and adaptation plans developed by Councils;

(b) That the Local Adaptation Fund focus on the following priorities:

- i. completion of vulnerability assessments
- ii. improvements to coastal infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of sea level rise and storm surge
- iii. the provision use and maintenance of recreational facilities
- iv. reducing the impacts of heat stress on the community’s health.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 31

Council: City of Fremantle for South West Group

Resolution

That this National General Assembly seek the support of the Council of Australian Governments to have a nationally consistent approach to predicting sea level rise to 2100 to facilitate local and regional strategies for adaptation and mitigation of impacts on coastal communities and coastal development.

Carried

Resolution No: 31.2

Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly urge the Australian Government to urgently respond to the Report 'Managing Our Coastal Zone In A Changing Climate: The Time To Act Is Now', referred to as the 'George Report' and seek the prompt implementation of the Report's 47 recommendations dealing with coastal planning; risk mitigation and legal liability.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 32

Council: Marrickville Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to: - provide funding to local governments to replace inefficient street light globes with the most efficient bulbs available in order to save energy and prevent unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions; and - ban the use of mercury vapour street lights after 2012.

Withdrawn

Resolution No: 32.1

Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on both the State and Federal Governments to provide financial assistance for the roll out of Energy Efficient Street lighting. Further, the Commonwealth Government commission a parliamentary or independent review of the approach of the Australian Energy Regulator in setting the policy, regulatory and pricing frameworks for sustainable street lighting in Australia.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 33

Council: Cabonne

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association call on the Australian Government to ensure sustainable water supplies and security by:

1. Consultation and engagement of local and state government in all national, state and regional water planning;
2. Water Conservation planning measures to include strategies that meet the challenges associated with drought and Australia's future food production needs.
3. Providing appropriate funding to safeguard communities water needs at a local level within a national plan.

Carried

Resolution No: 33.2

Council: Mildura Rural City Council

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association lobby for the vertical alignment of Federal, State and Local Government policy related to water and land use planning.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 34

Council: Willoughby City Council

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association call on the Australian Government to implement legislation, including the introduction of a gross feed-in tariff, and guidelines to enable dispersed renewable energy sources to feed into the national grid in an efficient manner.

Carried

Resolution No: 34.2

Council: Willoughby City Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly approach the Australian Government to pursue as a matter of urgency a dual pronged interim energy policy focused on consumer energy efficiency and the introduction of a carbon tax.

Carried

Resolution No: 35

Council: Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to give further and urgent consideration, and agree there is a need for scientific investigation into the

use of gas (CNG) in vehicles in Australia and whether it is in Australia's best long term interest for this resource to be exported.

Carried

Resolution No: 36

Council: Kiama Municipal Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to develop, as a matter of parallel urgency to that of climate change action, a national policy on Australia's adaptation to Peak Oil.

Carried

Resolution No: 37

Council: Gosford City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association to promote and encourage Councils and Shires to become signatories of the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 38

Council: ALGA

Resolution

That this National Assembly record its support for the National Broadband Network initiative and call on the Australian Government and NBN co. to ensure that legislative, regulatory and financial frameworks adequately support the local government sector in facilitating the smooth, consistent, collaborative and efficient roll-out of the NBN in Australia's regional and local communities, including with respect to the planning and co-location of the NBN with other public utilities wherever possible.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 39

Council: Gunnedah Shire Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government re-affirm the need to have the current Labor Government and the Coalition commit to establishing the R2R as a permanent funding program.

The program should permit additional funding for areas that contribute significantly more to gross domestic product by way of agricultural and mining production and experience higher heavy traffic volumes.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 40

Council: Moreland City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly endorse the need to:

1. Establish a new \$250 million per year 4 years Community Infrastructure Renewal Program
2. Make Roads to Recovery funding permanent; and
3. Change the annual indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to an escalation formula that better reflects Local Government costs; noting that changes to the escalation methodology of FAGs would be an interim measure while working toward a fixed share of Commonwealth taxation revenue (net of GST).

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 41

Council: Moreland City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on State and Federal Governments to revitalise and extend public transport train and light rail services within capital cities and between major regional cities.

Carried

Strategic Resolution No: 42

Council: Coffs Harbour City Council

Seconder: Byron Shire Council

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association lobby the Australian Government to address the state of under investment in the National Rail System through the formation of a Government Authority for Rail.

Carried

Resolution No: 42.1

Council: Mildura Rural City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly encourage the Australian Government to plan for and design an integrated standardised rail transport network for and between all States and Territories for freight and passenger services.

Local governments lobby for and encourage the efficient movement of freight and transport access for communities via passenger rail services and connection between areas and to the State Capital Cities.

Carried

Motion No: 43

Council: Brewarrina Shire Council

Motion

That the National General Assembly of Local Government makes representation to the Federal Government to evaluate and fund a second inland highway that services Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

Lost

Resolution No: 44

Council: Willoughby City Council

Resolution

That this National Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to reinstate the subsidy for freight by rail, particularly for the transportation of fuel, and implement other funding mechanisms to support the efficient movement of goods and materials by non-road based transport.

Carried

Reserved Motions

Resolution No: Reserved: 47

Council: Young Shire Council

Resolution

That the Association write to the Federal Environment Minister urging him to:

- Legislate for and implement Container Deposit Schemes throughout the Commonwealth/NSW, because of the financial, social and environmental benefits; and
- Actively promote the benefits of Container Deposit Schemes in the wider community.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 48

Council: City of Burnside

Resolution

That it be ALGA Policy, along with the appropriate composition labelling of all packaging material, for a suitable symbol to be permanently shown on all products that are not suitable for disposal in the normal domestic waste stream.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 49

Council: Gosford City Council

Resolution

That this National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to formulate and implement a buy-back strategy during the digital television rollover period of three years (2010 to 2013) in order to alleviate private collection of e-waste into landfill.

Such a buy-back strategy would introduce a system whereby consumers are stimulated to take their old analogue televisions to the place of purchase of new digital sets as a drop off and collection area.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 50

Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution

That the delegates to this National General Assembly request ALGA to make strong political representations to enable the medication for opioid replacement therapy (ORT) methadone and buprenorphine be provided under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and that provision will be dispensed as medication and subject to the PBS Safety Net as is any other medication for chronic illness.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 51

Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution

That the delegates to this National General Assembly, in this the UN International Year of Biodiversity, request ALGA to endorse the Boobook Declaration.

We call upon the Australian Government to act decisively to fulfil its international and national promises to protect biodiversity. Specifically in 2010 – the International Year of Biodiversity – we call upon the Australian Government to:

1. Acknowledge the critical importance of safeguarding biodiversity as part of Australia's climate change response and commit to correspondingly urgent action to address the systemic drivers of biodiversity loss. In doing so, due recognition should be given both to the threat that global warming poses to biodiversity and ecosystems such as the Great Barrier Reef, and to the vital role these have in mitigating dangerous climate change including by permanently storing carbon;
2. Substantially increase investment in biodiversity and ecosystem protection, restoration and management to at least \$9 billion over the next three years to 2012 and establish an independent widely consultative process into future funding and stewardship of Australia's, terrestrial, aquatic and marine biodiversity;
3. Restore and increase the capacity for publicly funded biodiversity research, auditing, monitoring, accounting and communication, including through an expanded independent Land, Water and Biodiversity authority; and
4. Develop our biodiversity education and training programs so that all sectors of the Australian community and business have the knowledge to understand the magnitude of current threats to our biodiversity and the skills to take action to conserve our biodiversity and ecosystems. This is essential to transforming our nation to a healthy, sustainable society and economy.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 52

Council: Wattle Range Council

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association –

1. Acknowledges and support the objectives of the “Dumping Damages Regional Communities – A Community Campaign” as follows –

(a). To have the Australian Government agree to review its recent decision to remove anti-dumping duties from toilet paper products imported from Indonesia and China.

(b). To have the Australian Government reverse its decision and to reinstate anti-dumping duties on toilet paper products imported from Indonesia and China.

(c). To have the Australian Government change the legislation and systems for addressing issues associated with the dumping of products into Australia.

2. Write to the Australian Government urging a review its legislation providing the framework for assessing and addressing cases of the dumping of foreign manufactured goods into Australia.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 53

Council: City of Fremantle for South West Group

Resolution

That this National General Assembly seek the support of the Council of Australian Local Governments to strengthen the provisions across Australia for misleading or deceptive advertising and misleading or deceptive conduct during Local Government and State Government elections.

The strengthened provisions should use as a guide the South Australian Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 which includes the power to have the misleading material withdrawn and to specify the terms and manner for publishing a retraction.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 54

Council: Gosford City Council

Resolution

The Australian Local Government Association continue to support the rights of midwives to work in their own right and a woman's right to self-determination in healthcare.

The proposed national registration scheme for health professionals is major health reform and the amendment is likely to prevent wide access to Medicare related midwifery care and does not realise the considerable benefits of access to private midwives in reducing health costs and improving access, especially in rural and remote areas. As such the Australian Local Government Association takes a position on this issue and will do all things to highlight this with State and Federal Ministers.

The Australian Local Government Association write to the Minister for Health, Nicola Roxon, informing her of the decision and requesting a response.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 55

Council: Marrickville Council

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association writes to the Minister for Health, Nicola Roxon:

a) supporting the rights of midwives to work in their own right and a woman's right to self-determination in healthcare;

b) expressing strong concerns that Federal Government legislation and intervention will undermine the ability of midwives to be able to legitimately practice and for mothers to decide where and with whom they give birth;

c) expressing concern that the Federal Government's amendments to the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 are unnecessary and will impose 'secondary regulation' over midwives;

d) noting that while the proposed changes will not address the needs of many Australian women who make the choice to give birth within the hospital system, these changes will also affect women choosing homebirth, with a likelihood of forcing it 'underground';

e) noting the proposed legislation is a major health reform, the amendment is likely to prevent wide access to Medicare related midwifery care, increasing health costs and impeding access particularly in rural and remote areas.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 56

Council: Moreland City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on State and Federal Governments to commit to purchase locally manufactured rolling stock and infrastructure.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 57

Council: Adelaide City Council

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on all Local Government Authorities throughout Australia to support the global fair trade movement by seeking accreditation as Fair Trade Councils through the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand (FTAANZ).

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 58

Council: Narrabri Shire

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to conduct a review of existing FAG's policy with the objective of increasing FAG's allocation.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 59

Council: Gunnedah Shire Council

Resolution

That ALGA continues to press for a fairer share of Commonwealth Taxation revenue of a least one percent increasing to two percent by the year 2015.

The push for a “fair share” should form the basis of an immediate media campaign to inform constituents of the cause and impacts of fiscal imbalance and inadequate funding.

Carried

Resolution No: Reserved: 60

Council: Liverpool City Council

Resolution

That the Federal Government directly fund councils that are experiencing rapid population growth in high growth councils for the implementation of major critical infrastructure which is beyond the ability for the local councils to provide.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 61

Council: RoperGulf Shire Council

Motion

That this National General Assembly support the publication of confirmed minutes of council meeting for public perusal.

Lost

Resolution No: Reserved: 62

Council: Hindmarsh Shire Council

Resolution

That the ALGA lobby the Commonwealth Government for the introduction of mandated Local Government Impact Statements for all new legislation, policies, programs and major projects.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 63

Council: Shoalhaven City Council

Motion

That the Federal Government provide direct Federal Funding to Local Government, rather than the funding being provided through State Government.

Withdrawn

Resolution No: Reserved: 64

Council: Kiama Municipal Council

Resolution

That the Federal Government increase funding to Coastal Councils to assist with the increasing costs of providing professional lifeguard services.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 65

Council: Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Motion

That the National General Assembly call on the Prime Minister, the Honourable Kevin Rudd, to adopt recommendations 8, 9 and 21 of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties in relation to nuclear weapons, which was supported by all political parties.

The recommendations follow:

Recommendation 8: The Committee recommends that the Australian Government make clear in international fora its support for the adoption of a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Recommendation 9: The Committee recommends that the Australian Government allocate research and consultation resources to the development of a Nuclear Weapons Convention with a clear legal framework and enforceable verification.

Recommendation 21: The Committee recommends that the Parliament adopt a resolution on the Parliament's commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Lost

Resolution No: Reserved: 66

Council: Holroyd City Council

Resolution

In recognition of the dangers to public health from asbestos, the National General Assembly call upon the Australian Government as a matter of urgency to establish an independent national authority to develop regulations and to manage the safe removal and disposal of asbestos through Local Government on an Australia wide basis.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 67

Council: Yarra City Council

Motion

That the delegates to this National General Assembly propose to ALGA that one of the themes for next year's National General Assembly be biodiversity.

Lost

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Resolution No: Reserved: 68

Council: Hindmarsh Shire Council

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association lobby the Commonwealth Government to immediately reinstate funding for Landcare initiatives, including funding specifically to employ Landcare Coordinators.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 69

Council: City of Mitcham

Motion

That the Australian Local Government Association expresses concern at the Federal Government's projected population growth to over 30 million as being unsustainable. Insufficient supplies of water in capital cities and our major food bowls over the last five years is evidence that such growth could only occur if the Australian population accepted a significant reduction in living conditions.

Lost

Motion No: Reserved: 70

Council: Southern Midlands Council

Motion

That the Australian Local Government Association lobby the Australian Government to allocate sufficient resources to progress and implement the recommendations contained within the Report 'Farming the Future: The role of Government in assisting Australian farmers to adapt to the impacts of climate change" prepared by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Resources, with the priority areas being those recommendations provided under 'Making Decisions On-farm' and 'Current and Prospective Adaptations'.

Lost

Resolution No: Reserved: 71

Council: Shoalhaven City Council

Resolution

That the Roads to Recovery Program be extended beyond the 2013/14 Financial Year to ensure all road infrastructure and in particular that between those cities that solely rely on road transportation links is improved to a standard that is capable of supporting and stimulating local and regional productivity.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 72

Council: Shoalhaven City Council

Motion

That the Australian Local Government Association call on the Federal Government to introduce legislation requiring any new or replacement underground infrastructure to be accurately documented on an appropriate mapping system so that subsequent works can be planned around that infrastructure.

Lost

Resolution No: Reserved: 73

Council: Wellington Council

Resolution

That no further planning powers be removed from Local Governments and shifted to State Governments. Further, that State significant projects only proceed after consultation with Local Governments.

Carried

Motion No: Reserved: 74

Council: Shoalhaven City Council

Motion

That funding for the Communities for Children Programme currently running in regional areas be recurrent in order to build interest and involvement of young children and their parents in our education system.

Withdrawn

Late Motions

Whitehorse City Council:

That the National General Assembly, in light of the recent deferral to 2013 of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, advocates urgently to the Australian Government that it determines and implements an interim carbon levy or other mechanism to begin the transition to a low- carbon economy without further delay.

Procedural motion:

That the motion from Whitehorse City Council be considered.

Lost

City of Maribyrnong:

That the Australian Local Government Association requests that the Federal Government reverse its decision to cease access to the Medicare rebate by Social Workers and Occupational Therapists providing Mental Health Services.

Procedural motion:

That the motion from City of Maribyrnong be considered.

Lost

Monash City Council:

That this National General Assembly

- a) Commends the Australian Productivity Commission for undertaking a public inquiry into a long term disability care and support scheme.
- b) Calls on the Australian Productivity Commission to give appropriate emphasis to the role of carers in sustaining long term disability care.
- c) Calls on the Australian Productivity Commission to acknowledge that for many carers, local, accessible facility based respite care is an essential ingredient in the service mix which enables them to sustain the caring role over the long term.

Withdrawn

Rockhampton Regional Council:

Procedural motion:

That the motion from Rockhampton Regional Council be considered.

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit to the following key actions in order to address current risks to productivity and environment of shipping on the Australian coastline.

- 1) Expanding the coverage of vessel monitoring (eg: The Vessel Traffic Service) to cover all bulk carrier shipping lanes, with the Great Barrier Reef a priority;
- 2) A full review of deterrent effectiveness of the nature and size of penalties for non compliance with environmental and maritime laws in relation to bulk carrier shipping activities; and
- 3) Extending the requirement for pilots to cover the entire Great Barrier Reef Marine Park area

Carried

Flinders Ranges Council:

Procedural motion:

That the motion from Flinders Ranges Council be considered.

Carried

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to resolve issues arising from the pending digital television switchover in a timely manner (noting switchover commences in rural locations during 2010), particularly:

(1) cost equity for households where Council retransmission sites will not be upgraded and who will only have satellite transmission available; and

(2) cost to Councils in managing television e-waste

Carried

City of Whittlesea:

Procedural motion:

That the motion from City of Whittlesea be considered.

Carried

That this National General Assembly:

- a) Commends the Australian Productivity Commission for undertaking a public enquiry into a long term disability care and support scheme.
- b) Calls on the Australian Productivity Commission to give appropriate emphasis to the role of carers in sustaining long term disability care.
- c) Calls on the Australian Productivity Commission to acknowledge that for many carers, local, accessible facility based respite care is an essential ingredient in the service mix which enables them to sustain the caring role over the long term.

Carried

Special Urgent Business:

Hurstville City Council

Seconded: Kingborough Council

Procedural motion:

That the motion from Hurstville City Council be considered.

Carried

That this National General Assembly, as a matter of special urgent business considers the following motion:

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to direct the Australian Building Codes Board to make urgent changes to the Building Code of Australia to incorporate universal Design principles and features which ensure that housing better meets the needs of people with disabilities and the elderly. Specifically that the National General Assembly:

- Support the aspirational target of the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design, that all new homes will be of an agreed housing standard by 2020 with interim targets to be set within that period.
- Support the Dialogue's work to establish nationally agreed performance and technical guidelines for Universal Housing Design.

Carried

Rockhampton Regional Council

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to:

1. Expand the coverage of vessel monitoring (e.g. The Vessel Traffic Service) to cover all bulk carrier shipping lanes, with the Great Barrier Reef a priority;
2. Undertake a full review of the deterrent effectiveness of the nature and size of penalties for non-compliance with environmental and maritime laws in relation to bulk carrier shipping activities; and
3. Extend the requirements for pilots to cover the entire Great Barrier Reef Marine Park area.

Withdrawn

City of Yarra

That this National General Assembly:

- Notes the action taken on Resolution E, Supporting container deposits legislation (CDL) set out in the Summary of ALGA actions taken on 2009 National General Assembly resolutions (Page 122 of 2010 NGA Business Papers);
- Resolves that ALGA implement action (b) by writing to the Federal Environment Minister urging him to legislate for and implement Container Deposit Schemes throughout the Commonwealth, because of the financial, social, and environmental benefits; and
- Regarding action (c), actively promote the benefits of CDL to appropriate agencies and organisations.

Withdrawn