

National Voice, Local Choice

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*Resolutions from the 2012 National General Assembly
of Local Government*

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*National Voice, Local Choice
Infrastructure, Planning, Services*

Constitutional Recognition

Resolution Number: 1

Council: Yarra City Council, VIC

That the delegates to this National General Assembly request the ALGA to:

- a) re-declare its support for the financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution so that the Federal Government has the power to fund local government directly;
- b) call on all political parties to support a referendum in 2013 to so change the Constitution to achieve this recognition.

Carried

Infrastructure

Resolution Number: 2

Council: North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

The National General Assembly applauds the Federal Government on the extension of Roads to Recovery for a further 5 years to 2019. Delegates acknowledge the efforts of councils and local government associations in achieving this outcome and reaffirm their commitment to achieving a permanent Roads to Recovery Program. Delegates also support the continued work of ALGA to strengthen the case in support of the campaign to make the Roads to Recovery program permanent and with increased funding.

Carried

Resolution Number: 3

Council: Roper Gulf Shire Council, NT

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to acknowledge that roads that are transferred by State/Territory Governments to local government should be adequately funded, for ongoing maintenance and renewal, by the Commonwealth or State/Territory Governments.

Carried

Resolution Number: 4

Council: Gilgandra Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to make additional funding available for the replacement of timber bridges on local roads.

Carried

Resolution Number: 5

Council: North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to review the Regional Development Australia Fund funding model to bring in line with the Roads to Recovery (R2R) guidelines and to have funding split 50/50 between allocated and contestable funds with a focus on rural and regional Councils.

Carried

Resolution Number: 6

Council: Forbes Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly seek the continuation of the Regional & Local Community Infrastructure program to support the renewal of ageing community infrastructure.

Carried

Resolution Number: 7

Council: City of Marion, SA

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to adjust the criteria for RDA funding eligibility for metropolitan councils, or provide an alternative funding channel for metropolitan councils.

Carried

Resolution Number: 8

Council: Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to investigate and implement new mechanisms to provide infrastructure funding to local governments.

Carried

Resolution Number: 8.5

Council: Moonee Valley City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth and State Governments for local government funding to assist in community infrastructure particularly for an ageing population.

Carried

Resolution Number: 9

Council: Willoughby City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to share Commonwealth taxes on a percentage share basis with local government throughout Australia, either through fixed grants or general grants.

Carried

Resolution Number: 10

Council: Rockdale City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to re-instate infrastructure funding to local councils to address their backlog of asset maintenance works and to assist the construction sector by minimising the expected rise in unemployment in the building and construction industry.

Carried

Resolution Number: 11

Council: Shire of Chittering, WA

That the National General Assembly strongly advocate to the Australian Government for the acceleration of existing and/or the introduction of additional new funding programs to fund

the urgent need to upgrade the highways (Non-urban) identified in the "National Land Transport Network".

Carried

Resolution Number: 12

Council: Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to develop and implement an equitable distribution scheme for any revenues collected from heavy vehicles back to the road network owners and managers, in consultation and partnership with local governments.

Carried

Resolution Number: 13

Council: Burwood Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal and State and Territory Governments for continued funding for Road Safety programs and projects to Local Government for the implementation and promotion of road and pedestrian safety projects and initiatives.

Carried

Resolution Number: 14

Council: Yarra City Council, VIC

That this National General Assembly call for the Federal Government to: (a)recognise the diversity of local government infrastructure needs; and (b)provide funding for transport projects (roads and public transport, both in rural and metropolitan areas) based on triple-bottom-line assessment of the merits of each proposed project, seeking the equitable, sustainable, efficient and affordable movement of people and freight in all parts of the country.

Carried

Resolution Number: 15

Council: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to introduce a "One Stop Shop" for Local Government grant applications, dealing with a preregistration process, streamlining of the application process, standardising of the applications and a pre determined approval/rejection timeline.

Carried

Resolution Number: 16

Council: Bankstown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to establish a strategic system to enable Infrastructure Australia to work in a cooperative and coordinated manner with its State/Territory counterparts (e.g. Infrastructure NSW) and Local Government to identify nationally significant infrastructure projects and then resolve funding challenges to prioritise implementation.

Carried

Resolution Number: 17

Council: City of Whittlesea, VIC

That the National General Assembly requests a Commonwealth Government review of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement into cost shifting.

Carried

Resolution Number: 18

Council: Alice Springs Town Council, NT

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to legislate to ensure that infrastructure within Aboriginal Urban Living Areas (AULA) are built to the same standards as any other developments and that funding be provided on an ongoing basis to bring sub-standard AULA up to an acceptable standard.

Carried

Resolution Number: 19

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government and State Government to establish a sport and recreational facilities, including public aquatic centres infrastructure, funding program for local councils.

Carried

Resolution Number: 20

Council: Broken Hill City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth and State Governments through COAG to ensure alignment of Local Government community strategic planning and Australian and State Government planning - including Regional Development Australia strategic plans.

Carried

Motion Number: 21

Council: Maroondah City Council, VIC

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government - via the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority - to remove the requirement for Local Government to have superannuation cash backed given the inconsistency between the three tiers of government and given that both State and Federal governments carry these amounts on their balance sheets as unfunded liabilities.

Lost

Motion Number: 22

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to develop a transport policy that:

- Promotes the staged introduction of congestion taxes with concurrent investment in public transport networks to improve mobility near and within the business districts of major population centres;
- Encourages all States to adopt a national parking policy that if appropriate will constrain parking availability within CBD areas of our major cities in order to reduce traffic congestion;

- Delivers additional targeted funding for key public transport improvements in major population centres;
- Prioritises and provides targeted funding for construction of orbital road, rail and bus links in Sydney to reduce congestion on radial routes;
- Provides a time frame for a decision on the location of a second airport for to assist long term transport planning and resource allocation in the Sydney region.

Lost

Resolution Number: 23

Council: Kingston City Council, VIC

That in collaboration with the State and Territory Governments the Commonwealth formulates a national model for the funding of Public Transport.

Carried

Resolution Number: 24

Council: Parramatta City Council, NSW

To seek Australian energy providers to change their Vegetation Management Plans so that it stipulates a maximum clearance allowed for tree pruning and therefore ensuring tree pruning is not radically undertaken damaging our urban forests and causing distress to the community at large.

Carried

Resolution Number: 25

Council: Hobart City Council, TAS

The Telecommunications Act 1997 and Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 1997 be amended to allow Councils to have a greater say in the location of telecommunications facilities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 26

Council: Broken Hill City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call for the Commonwealth Government and NBN Co for an accelerated rollout of the NBN to regional, rural and remote areas not withstanding NBN Co's pre-determined rollout timetable.

Carried

Resolution Number: 27

Council: Ku-ring-gai Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call for the undergrounding of National Broadband Network (NBN) cables and household connections where it will not cause any environmental damage with the rollout and installation of the NBN across Australia.

Tied Vote

Motion Number: 28

Council: Liverpool City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal and State Governments to suspend all detailed planning for proposed Intermodal sites until such time as a comprehensive Freight Strategy be prepared that adequately considers and addresses the environmental, social and economic impact of proposed Intermodal sites on established communities.

Lost

Resolution Number: 29

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to implement a national strategy towards integrated transport to improve the productivity, liveability and sustainability of major cities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 30

Council: Strathfield Municipal Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the State and Federal led e-planning and electronic development assessment systems, as a core focus, are designed and implemented to enable local government to continue to engage thoroughly with the public in relevant planning matters and empower their communities through access to information.

Carried

Motion Number: 31

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to develop a policy dealing with development assessment that requires States to:

- To develop policy guidelines to promote "best practice" development assessment models which provide for an appropriate balance between "tick the box" simple complying development types and merit based assessments for proposals that will have more substantial environmental impacts.
- Review the type of development applications that are dealt with at State level with the aim of restoring accountability and transparency to the planning assessment process, to maximise public involvement at the grass roots level and to ensure the perception of probity.
- Provide federal funding to implement a single on-line computerised development application lodgement and tracking and determination system (similar to that adopted in the United Kingdom).
- Prepare model planning legislation which can be adopted by all States so that the regulatory environment is standardised.

Lost

Resolution Number: 32**Council:** Bankstown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to introduce a strategic planning framework through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to achieve inter-governmental integration in strategic planning between the Commonwealth, States/Territories and the Local Government, to achieve positive long-term outcomes in infrastructure, housing, jobs, economic development and service provision.

Carried**Resolution Number: 33****Council:** Ashfield Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to develop a sustainable population policy that is supported by:

- Investment in key physical and social infrastructure needs identified as part of thorough analysis for regions that are likely to experience high population growth;
- An emphasis on balanced migration program with humanitarian, family reunion and a ethical skilled migration program and an employment policy that promotes "knowledge centres" aimed at increasing Australia's proportion of high technology industries;
- Increasing use of renewable energy and reviewing the Building Code of Australia to achieve "greener" buildings;
- Protecting valuable agricultural land; and
- Long term funding for the establishment of satellite cities and continued regional development to reduce development pressures within existing urban areas.

Carried**Resolution Number: 34****Council:** Moreland City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to advocate for better quality high density developments by increasing the minimum standards set out in the various national and state planning and building legislations. Some of the areas that need better guidance include site design and internal amenity which would then result in better natural light and ventilation in apartments. An increase in the minimum building and planning standards would ultimately lead to better built environments, which meet community needs and should be encouraged, not restricted through current regulation. There should be a national approach to guidelines and policies for high density development.

Carried

Resolution Number: 35

Council: Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to require effective collaboration and a partnership based approach to land use based planning matters based around the following principles:

- 1.All relevant entities are included (local, State - all departments, Government Owned Corporations, Federal)
- 2.Equal partnership
- 3.Provide a basis for agreement on investment in infrastructure - particularly federal funding.

Carried

Resolution Number: 36

Council: City of Ryde, NSW

That the National General Assembly recommends a uniform set of model climate change land development provisions and related planning guidelines be developed by the Federal Government in close liaison with State, Regional and Peak Government Groups that provides clear and unambiguous guidance for Local Government and allows a standardised approach that local councils can take on climate change considerations when assessing land development.

Carried

Resolution Number: 37

Council: City of Port Phillip, VIC

The National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to support Local Government-led coastal adaptation initiatives to climate proof Australia, by taking a coordinated and collaborative approach to future coastal and drainage infrastructure development and resourcing. This approach would involve joint Local/State/Federal development and delivery of an implementation framework that contains the following support mechanisms:

- Integration of various climate risks assessments for each coastal region (by catchment)
- A bookcase of likely coastal climate adaptation infrastructure solutions especially in the key areas of coastal land use management and drainage infrastructure management
- Resourcing and implementation of adaptive coastal and drainage infrastructure works programs (both structural and non-structural).

Carried

Resolution Number: 38

Council: Clarence Valley Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal and State Governments at a COAG level to urgently develop a common policy which defines clearly who is going to take legal, spatial planning and cost responsibility for the impacts of climate change relating to coastal management and protection. At present there is conflicting advice at Federal and State levels and local Government seems to be taking all the risk with very little help from State and Federal levels.

Carried

Resolution Number: 39

Council: Maroondah City Council, VIC

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to increase support to local governments to address their greenhouse gas reductions to lessen the impact of a price on carbon. Any additional assistance should be distributed to all Councils in an equitable manner.

Carried

Resolution Number: 40

Council: City of Stonnington, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government requesting specific details on the effects of the carbon tax on local government costs and how those costs are to be calculated, specifically in relation to waste tipping and disposal, and electricity, with particular emphasis on street lighting, gas and fuels.

Carried

Resolution Number: 41

Council: Cabonne, NSW

That the National General Assembly request the Australian Local Government Association carry out investigations to ascertain the true impacts of Carbon Tax on Local Government and the communities they serve, and that the results of the survey be communicated to both Federal and State Governments.

Carried

Resolution Number: 42

Council: Knox City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to bring forward funding opportunities for local government to mitigate the cost impact from the price on carbon.

Carried

Resolution Number: 43

Council: Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to work with relevant States and Territories and local governments to develop a nationally consistent framework for flood risk management.

Carried

Resolution Number: 44

Council: Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call for a review of the current funding guidelines and Audit process of the Natural Disaster Restoration and Relief Arrangements (NDRRA) and seek an urgent implementation for changes to streamline funding for disaster affected Councils. This review is to also consider the matter of using existing local government resources including day labour to undertake works.

Carried

Resolution Number: 45

Council: Knox City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to consider the development of National Emergency Management Guidelines to offer consistency in emergency management practice across the nation, clarity of the role of local government and supporting agencies in emergency management and consider sustainable resources to support its effective delivery.

Carried

Resolution Number: 46

Council: Burke Shire Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government for Solar Energy Provision for persons in rural and remote areas not connected to the national grid and further that there should not be major financial impediment experienced by persons living in remote areas in relation to the installation/expansion or maintenance of Solar Powered Systems and that a fixed rebate of 50% be implemented for this purpose.

Carried

Resolution Number: 47

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to develop a policy to promote more sustainable development and local planning incentives that will encourage the construction of "smart" energy efficient buildings including ongoing review of the Building Code of Australia so that it is "cutting edge" in terms of encouraging energy efficient construction and minimising ongoing energy consumption.

Carried

Resolution Number: 48

Council: Gosford City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP, to introduce legislation which places a value on water reflective of the environmental and social sustainability issues incurred in water extraction and review allocation of groundwater extraction entitlements with a potential to affect environmental areas of significance or defined drinking water catchment supplies.

Carried

Resolution Number: 49

Council: Swan Hill Rural City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to delay the introduction of the Murray Darling Basin Plan whilst it continues to engage in further consultation with Murray Darling Basin Communities on the social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposed plan in order to achieve a balanced outcome reflective of the needs of the Murray Darling Basin and its communities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 50

Council: Willoughby City Council, NSW

That this National Assembly call upon the Federal and State Governments to remove regulatory barriers, delegate planning controls to councils and provide funding for Councils to develop local decentralised renewable energy production facilities.

Carried

Motion Number: 51

Council: Holroyd City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly advocate that the Federal Government call on all States to introduce or reinstate moratoriums on Coal Seam Gas extraction and exploration projects and extend the moratoriums for the use of "fracking" to ensure that vital agricultural lands across the nation are preserved.

Lost

Resolution Number: 51.1

Council: Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to act immediately to assist with the protection of the national food base across the country by allowing local government to have greater input into the planning of mining and gas exploration, to ensure that impacts on land and water are minimised.

Carried

Resolution Number: 52

Council: Bankstown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to introduce a direct funding program for Local Government to pay for an accelerated deployment of energy-efficient street lighting technologies, including the advanced long-life LED technology, which will considerably reduce energy use and maintenance costs.

Carried

Resolution Number: 53

Council: Warringah Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly urges the Federal Government to introduce planning legislation that would ban or impose a levy on single-use lightweight plastic shopping bags and actively support State and Local Governments that wish to impose such a ban or restriction.

Carried

Resolution Number: 54

Council: Whitehorse City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly of Local request the Australian Government to urgently implement a national scheme for the recycling of mercury from light globes, to reduce the amount of mercury from old light globes that are going to landfill.

Carried

Resolution Number: 55

Council: City of Ballarat, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal and State Governments to develop a national waste management strategy that addresses product stewardship, alternative waste treatment facility investment barriers and community awareness programs to facilitate resource recovery, bio-energy production and reduced dependence on landfills.

Carried

Resolution Number: 56

Council: Holroyd City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly advocate that the Federal Government, having considered the findings of the recent Regulatory Impact Statement on Packaging, introduce a national container deposit scheme (CDS) without delay.

Carried

Resolution Number: 57

Council: Holroyd City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly makes representation to the Chair of the National Asbestos Management Review reinforcing the need for a single national authority to manage asbestos matters (such as regulation, health, education, funding, etc.) and advising that local government would work with such an Authority.

Carried

Resolution Number: 58

Council: Kiama Municipal Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on Councils to establish a list of buildings with asbestos roofing and that Federal funding assist in replacing these roofs and with the costs of safe disposal of the asbestos.

Carried

Resolution Number: 59

Council: City of Prospect, SA

The National General Assembly call on the Federal and State Governments to investigate the feasibility of introducing an appropriate Heritage Rehabilitation Federal Tax Credit Scheme to offer incentives to encourage reinvestment into Australian National, State and Local Heritage Listed Buildings.

Carried

Resolution Number: 60

Council: Alice Springs Town Council, NT

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government provide financial support for Library Services in regional and remote areas.

Carried

Resolution Number: 61

Council: Willoughby City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly support the call for the introduction of a National Disability Insurance Scheme and calls on the Australian Government; indicating the support and endorsement from the Town of Bassendean Western Australia, for the three Draft Federal Legislations :

- 1.The National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- 2.Disability Support Pension Participation Reform Bill 2012.
- 3.The Family Assistance and Other legislation Amendment Bill 2012.

Carried

Resolution Number: 62

Council: Lane Cove Council, NSW

That the Australian Local Government Association make representations to the Federal Government for special funding for Local Government in order to make local buildings and public spaces more accessible for people with a disability to meet requirements of the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standard 2010.

Carried

Resolution Number: 63

Council: Penrith City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly support investigation into a national community indicator framework, including but not limited to ABS, ABR, ABD, which suits the needs of local government and links with relevant state and federal frameworks.

Carried

Resolution Number: 64

Council: Knox City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to consider the provision of ongoing capital funding for social housing to ensure that adequate public and community housing is available to meet the needs of Australian individuals and families into the future.

Carried

Resolution Number: 65

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call for:

1. The Commonwealth to institute a national program for new migrants, delivered in co-operation with Local Government, on understanding Australian workplace culture, rights and responsibilities.
2. The Commonwealth to institute a national program aimed at assisting Family Stream migrants who wish to optimise their existing skills and re-enter the workforce.

Carried

Motion Number: 66

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That this National Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to develop an employment policy that:

- Promotes flexible zoning policies that will encourage additional business investment in areas such as enterprise zones where a range of different yet environmentally compatible development types are permissible
- Establishes "knowledge centres" at universities who will work with industry to foster technical innovation.

Lost

Resolution Number: 67

Council: City of Ryde, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association to seek the Federal Government to review the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) debt mechanism, with the intent of reducing or removing the HELP liability for graduates who take up employment in rural Council areas.

Carried

Resolution Number: 68

Council: Penrith City Council,

That the National General Assembly:

- a) commends the Australian Federal Government for commencing to improve skills and employment outcomes
- b) calls on the Australian Federal Government to increase its focus on and take further action to close the gap for areas of low school retention, low post secondary attendance, low levels of skills and inadequate employment options in order to improve national productivity and improve social and environmental outcomes.

Carried

Resolution Number: 69

Council: City of Ryde, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Womens Association, to work in consultation with the Australian Local Government Association, to establish, collect and maintain consistent industry wide measurements of women's participation in local government, both in managerial and elected roles.

Carried

Resolution Number: 70

Council: Tweed Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to reconsider its decision to end the National Green Jobs Corps program on 30 June 2012. This program has been invaluable to communities and Local Government for its assistance with the substantial resources required for environmental protection at the grass roots level. It has had the added

benefit of providing meaningful work and real job prospects to young people who attain a TAFE qualification.

Carried

Resolution Number: 71

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Council of Australian Governments to ensure that Local Government is realistically compensated by State Health Authorities for the provision of Early Childhood Health Services within Council Facilities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 72

Council: Blacktown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to provide additional support and assistance to Child Care Centres with the implementation of the new rigorous regulations.

Carried

Resolution Number: 73

Council: Blacktown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to increase the Child Care Benefit hourly rate to address the growing gap fee which restricts access to child care for children in lower income families.

Carried

Resolution Number: 74

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly Local Government call on the Australian Government to adequately fund local government and other public sector aged care providers to ensure that aged care workers including nurses are paid equally to those working in Public Hospitals.

Carried

Resolution Number: 75

Council: Ashfield Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly Local Government call upon the Australian Government to take meaningful steps to reverse the trend to casualisation of the Australian workforce particularly for youth, and work collaboratively with local government to develop local and regional strategies to address this issue.

Carried

Resolution Number: 76

Council: Moreland City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to work with the States and Territories to increase the financial concessions on rates for property owners living on apension.

Carried

Resolution Number: 77

Council: Bankstown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to introduce a national strategic planning framework involving both State/Territory and Local Government to undertake coordinated planning and provision of age-friendly built environment and customised services for an ageing population.

Carried

Resolution Number: 77.1

Council: Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

THAT Council propose a motion to the National (ALGA) General Assembly to investigate the development of a relevant policy position with strategies on how to address the impacts on local government services and communities of the aging population and those more vulnerable persons in our communities who are now living in the regions outside of the cities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 78

Council: North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- fund Local Government to conduct a coordinated study of migratory trends (permanent and temporary) across Australia and to include needs analysis in both rural and remote regions, as well as urban areas
- review both Federal and State government services in rural and remote regions to address the impacts that the CALD community have on those services
- identify areas of cost shifting from Federal /State service provision on to Local Government, and
- develop a strategy to address these shortfalls develop and implement a funding model which will equitably distribute resources to support Local Government in the implementation stages of the principles of 'The People of Australia - Multicultural Policy'.

Carried

Motion Number: 78.1

Council: Yarra City Council, VIC

That this National General Assembly determine on the grounds of humanitarian considerations, to strongly support and accordingly, lobby the Federal Government to: (i) adopt settlement in the community rather than incarceration in detention centres as the model for all asylum seekers, whether they arrive in Australia by boat or aircraft, while their claims to refugee status are assessed; and (ii) provide adequate structural and financial support to asylum seekers in the transitional process to refugee status, to ensure that asylum seekers' basic human rights are met while their claims are determined.

Lost

Resolution Number: 79

Council: Swan Hill Rural City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to recognise the special circumstances faced by cross border Local Government Authorities in the delivery of planning, service delivery and infrastructure and commit to working with States and cross border Local Government Authorities to implement a plan to reduce duplication, streamline processes and provide additional financial resources to address these issues.

Carried

Resolution Number: 80

Council: Bankstown City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to make a decision to fully fund the Meals on Wheels program, as part of its taking over the funding and administration responsibilities of the program from 1 July 2012, and address the current partial funding by the states, resulting in significant cost shifting to councils and other not-for-profit service providers.

Carried

Resolution Number: 81

Council: Bega Valley Shire, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to institute a system collating information on type and location of property acquired by foreign ownership or Australian entities, majority owned by foreign interests, where those properties hold significant water, mineral, or food resources. Further that the Australian Government conduct research into the retention of water, food, energy and mineral resources as sovereign that is capable of sustaining current and future populations in Australia.

Carried

Resolution Number: 82

Council: Tamworth Regional Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to guarantee equitable and integrated access to capital city airports for regional airlines for the economic development and social and medical requirements of regional centres.

Carried

Resolution Number: 83

Council: Penrith City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly write to the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers, to make representations to the Minister for Tourism, seeking the establishment of a national independent access accreditation system for tourist accommodation in Australia.

Carried

Resolution Number: 84

Council: Roper Gulf Shire Council, NT

That National General Assembly, on behalf of Indigenous Councillors and the people they represent, support the acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians in the Australian Constitution.

Carried

Resolution Number: 85

Council: City of Prospect, SA

That the National General Assembly - 1.Endorse the principle of optional e-voting for local government elections on a trial basis.. 2.Petition the Federal Government to provide funding to establish necessary procedural specifications and technological infrastructure relevant to such an optional e-voting trial.

Carried

Resolution Number: 86

Council: Hobart City Council, TAS

The Australian Taxation Office review the current level of taxation relief for candidates who stand at local government elections.

Carried