

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Strategic Resolution 1

ALGA

Supported by: *Moreland City Council VIC, Wagga Wagga City Council NSW, Penrith City Council NSW, Tweed Shire Council NSW, Gosford City Council NSW, Southern Downs Regional Council QLD, Orange City NSW, Bankstown City NSW and City of Mitcham SA*

Resolution

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

Carried unanimously

Strategic Resolution 2

ALGA

Supported by: *Morton Bay Regional Council QLD*

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to increase the funding provided to local government to ensure that FAGs are restored to the equivalent of 1.0% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

Carried

Associated Resolution 2.1

Greater Taree City Council NSW

Resolution

That the Federal Government be called upon to provide a guaranteed 1% of personal income tax revenue to local government for the purpose of local road and bridge infrastructure and it be allocated on the basis of road length, bridge length

and type, and capacity to fund and this allocation replace the current Financial Assistance Grants.

Associated Resolution 2.2

Kyogle Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly seeks a commitment from all spheres of government for local government to receive a share of GST revenue to provide a fair and reasonable outcome for all local communities.

Associated Resolution 2.3

Tenterfield Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That in the White Paper on Reform of the Federation, local government, as the third tier of government, seeks significant legislative recognition, and in particular, that there is a legislated, direct and indexed, fiscal transfer of 2% of G.S.T. revenue to local government annually.

Resolution 3

Lockyer Valley Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to maintain indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants in the current Budget, and that any changed arrangements be referred to the Reform of Taxation. Indexation should be returned until the broader reforms have been finalised. That the ALGA lobby the Commonwealth Government to seek alternate funding arrangements through the Reform of Taxation to replace the existing outdated and inappropriate FAGs mechanism.

Carried

Resolution 4

Blue Mountains City Council NSW

Resolution

That a coordinated and whole of Government approach to infrastructure management is formulated through the Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) undertaking a review of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs), to facilitate a fairer allocation of funding to local government in recognition of the imbalance between local government asset management responsibilities, its share of taxation revenue and its restricted capacity to raise revenue.

Carried

Resolution 5

Tenterfield Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly proposes to the Federal Government a full Review of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 as part of the "Reform of the Federation - COAG and Federal Financial Relations".

Carried

Motion 6

Etheridge Shire Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA, seek to have the basis of allocation for the Financial Assistance Grant, amended to remove the Minimum Grant Principle included in the National Principles under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

Lost

Resolution 7

Moreton Bay Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to investigate a more effective method of measuring population when determining financial assistance grants that takes into account peak population figures.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 8

Southern Downs Regional Council QLD

Resolution

The core business of the levels of government need to be made clearer which, would include how funds are distributed between Federal, State and Local Government and would alleviate cost shifting from occurring.

Carried

Associated Resolution 8.1

Leichhardt Council NSW

Resolution

That the NGA call on the federal government to either: (a) stop cost shifting from federal and state governments onto local governments; (b) establish a funding pool from general taxation revenue sufficient in scale to address the revenue shortfall experienced by local government due to cost-shifting to local government from state and federal governments, and due to recent cuts in federal government grants to local government.

Associated Resolution 8.2

Greater Geelong City Council VIC

Resolution

That NGA calls on the Federal Government for improved recognition of Local Government and cessation of divestment of responsibility without appropriate maintenance or commitment to ongoing funding strategies.

Associated Resolution 8.3

Isaac Regional Council QLD

Resolution

The the National General Assembly calls on the Federal and state governments through the Reform of the Federation consultation process, to develop an agreement between the three tiers of Government. The agreement should be based on a formula that acknowledges the real cost shift and fund appropriately, through cost savings made by the removal of duplicated processes between all levels of Government.

Strategic Resolution 9

Wyong Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to work with State and Territories to establish a national financing authority to finance local government borrowing through the issuance of infrastructure bonds to investment markets.

Carried

Associated Resolution 9.1

Greater Taree City Council NSW

Resolution

That the Federal Government facilitate the creation of a funding mechanism enabling investment in Federal Government Guaranteed Infrastructure Bonds that creates a pool for Local Government to borrow from. The available terms of the bonds are to be short, medium and long term so that Councils can manage their borrowing terms for infrastructure renewal to match the expected life of the renewed asset.

Strategic Resolution 10

Forbes Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That delegates of the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to reverse the decision taken on 14May 2014 to abandon the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Pensioner Concession Card and Senior Card Holders (NPA).

Withdrawn

Associated Resolution 10.1

Tweed Shire Council NSW

Resolution

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to restore its level of funding for pensioner rebate for council rates subsidies.

Carried

Associated Resolution 10.2

Penrith City Council NSW

Resolution

That the NGA call on the Federal Government to: 1.Immediately recommence the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concessions for Pensioners Concession Card and Seniors Card Holders and significantly increase the level of support it provides. 2.Index annually the funding provided through the agreement in line with National Taxation revenues.

Associated Resolution 10.3

Whittlesea Council VIC

Resolution

That the NGA advocate to the Federal Government to ensure that existing funding arrangements for the Pension Rate Concession Scheme, including indexation, are maintained for future years.

Resolution 11

Rockdale City Council NSW

Resolution

That representations be made to the Commonwealth Attorney General seeking:
a)The removal of the exemption from local council rates which applies to all Commonwealth owned land from such land leased to private enterprise for a commercial purpose; and b)An expedited review of the Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970 to address this important issue.

Carried

Resolution 12

Northern Midlands Council TAS

Resolution

That the NGA make representations to the relevant Australian Government Ministers requesting that the Minister enforce the requirements of the Commonwealth Airport Leases in respect to Airport Lessees making the as levied rate equivalent payments as required under Clauses 26.1 and 26.2 of the Airport leases.

Carried

Resolution 12.1

Botany Bay Council NSW

Resolution

That ALGA both recognise and utilise the unique abilities of groups from within the local government sector with special expertise and experience to representing the sector's interests and participate in related policy development to the benefit of local communities.

Carried

Resolution 13

Albury City Council NSW

Resolution

That the NGA strongly support and advocate for the reform principles outlined in the Reform of the Federation - White Paper and sustain representations to the Prime Minister and COAG to deliver: a. Alignment of the principles and criteria to be applied to roles and responsibilities between different levels of government and for the Federal Government to restore indexation to and set a fixed percentage of national tax income allocated to, Local Government Financial Assistance Grants. b. Support for subsidiarity, whereby responsibility lies with the lowest level of government possible and ensuring any reallocation of roles and responsibilities is made fiscally sustainable at the service delivery level, allowing flexible approaches to improving outcomes, particularly in the Regions. c. Reform to the revenue raising powers and other revenues of Local Government, in particular a review of: i. Criteria for land rate exemptions - based on historical or outdated principles including criteria applicable to State and Federal Government business undertakings. ii. Pensioner rebate - allocation of responsibility for reimbursement should rest solely with the Federal and State Government and not be met by Local Government.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 14

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the Assembly submit to both Federal and state governments that any review of Federalism should include a review of structure as well as financial sustainability and create a relationship between levels of Government that enables and empowers Local Government throughout Australia to effectively and efficiently deliver services that are delegated to it as an instrument of Government.

Carried

Associated Resolution 14.1

Blue Mountains City Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal government to give due consideration in addressing "Reform of the Federation" to: Ensuring constitutional recognition of local government as the third tier of government clarifying the roles and responsibilities of local government as the sphere of government closest to the community and Ensuring local government receives a fair and equitable resource allocation to enable it to fulfil its roles and responsibilities to the community

Resolution 15

Brisbane City Council QLD

Resolution

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government, in its proposal to review Federation and taxation, to ensure there is equitable funding and financing opportunities for local government to deliver transport infrastructure and services.

Carried

Resolution 16

Parkes Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly request the Federal Government when considering the White Paper on the Reform of Federation, acknowledge Sir Henry Parkes' vision for a unification of all levels of government.

Carried

Resolution 17

Isaac Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly lobby the State and Federal Governments through the Reform of the Federation consultation process to reduce duplication in land use, environmental and social impact planning and regulation. Local Government seeks to be a key player in revising a system to provide clear planning and regulation with State and Federal Governments providing a tripartite solution.

Carried

Resolution 18

Northern Midlands Council TAS

Resolution

That the NGA make representations to the relevant Federal Government Ministers seeking support for the development of a consistent basis for determining whether a particular function is best carried out by Local, State or Federal Government.

Carried

Resolution 19

Darebin City Council VIC

Resolution

That the NGA: 1. Note the establishment of the COAG leaders retreat by the Prime Minister. 2. Call on COAG retreat to discuss ways that cost shifting to local government can be reduced. 3. Call for the establishment of an inquiry into ways that duplication of services can be reduced between the 3 levels of government.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 20

Mackay Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to not reduce the level of funding that aids local governments in natural disaster recovery, and to increase funding for the natural disaster mitigation and resilience efforts of local government.

Carried

Associated Resolution 20.1

Southern Downs Regional Council QLD

Resolution

Due to the inability of local government to fund repairs following natural disasters, that the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) threshold is not reduced and is maintained at the current levels.

Resolution 21

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this National Assembly call upon the Australian Government review and increase the National Disaster Relief's Recovery Arrangement (NDRRA) to accommodate the requirements of Councils especially in rural and remote areas.

Carried

Resolution 22

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to review and amend the NDRRA Guidelines and request changes to the Category C and D Exceptional Circumstances categories to facilitate Rural Industry recovery from natural disasters by including provisions and assistance for the replanting costs for rural producers

Carried

Resolution 23

Central Highlands Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reject a proposal to withdraw much of its Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Betterment Fund support for towns and regions hit by cyclones and other natural disasters.

Withdrawn

Resolution 24

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to review and amend the NDRRA Guidelines to recognise ancillary rural industries such as planting and harvesting contractors in disaster response when NDRAA activation occurs

Carried

Strategic Resolution 25

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to recognise the efficiency and effectiveness of Local Government contribution to disaster response by amending the NDRAA Guidelines to allow the claiming of Day Labour and Local Government plant in declared events.

Carried

Associated Resolution 25.1

Moreton Bay Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to: maintain its level of financial support at 75% contribution seek to increase betterment provisions and funding allow the reimbursement of internal council day labour for reconstruction works.

Associated Resolution 25.2

Lockyer Valley Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to confirm any changes to the NDRRA include the confirmation of Council day labour and plant hire for the construction of restoration works. And that they continue to maintain the existing arrangements until an alternate model can be agreed for implementation i.e. Insurance based model.

Associated Resolution 25.3

Etheridge Shire Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA call on the Federal Government to allow the reimbursement of Council Plant Hire and Day Labour for the repair of flood and disaster damage under the NDRRA guidelines.

Resolution 26

Lockyer Valley Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA call on the ALGA to:

1. Investigate the definition for drought to ensure coverage can be made under the NDRRA guidelines.

Carried

2. Seek a review of existing Commonwealth Government programs and seek to re-allocate funding to managing the impacts of natural disaster within Australia.

Carried

Resolution 27

Etheridge Shire Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA seek to have Governments take into account all businesses when declaring Drought Assistance funding, and furthermore that Drought be considered a Natural disaster under NDRRA guidelines.

Carried

Resolution 28

Leichhardt Council & North Sydney NSW

Resolution

The NGA confirms its opposition to forced amalgamations of councils and calls on the Federal Government and all State Governments to also confirm their opposition to forced amalgamations of councils, any proposed amalgamation must be supported by a referendum of the electors involved and that ALGA take an active advocacy role in supporting those councils where forced amalgamations are being considered by state governments.

Carried

Resolution 29

Blacktown City Council NSW& Lockyer Valley Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to contribute funding to transport infrastructure of national importance and that it undertakes appropriate consultation and engagement processes with local government on these projects.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 30

Wyndham City Council VIC

Resolution

Federal Funding for Urban Public Transport (Theme: Federal Financial Relations)
That this National General Assembly calls on the Prime Minister to: 1. prioritise funding of major transport infrastructure projects based on their merits and cost benefits, rather than whether they are road or rail projects and 2. establish funding mechanisms for urban public transport projects in addition to the Asset Recycling Fund

Carried

Associated Resolution 30.1

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide leadership on the lack of adequate public transport and other supporting infrastructure for new residential developments.

Resolution 31

North Burnett Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National Assembly calls upon the Federal Government establish a fund for road managers to enable the Upgrading of roads for heavy vehicles to address the Heavy Vehicle strategy.

Carried

Resolution 32

Etheridge Shire Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA seek to have the legislation around Fatigue Management (National Road Transport Heavy Vehicle Drivers' Fatigue laws) amended to exclude Local Government Councils as the legislation inhibits and impedes the short haul operations of a Council.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 33

Maribyrnong City Council VIC

Resolution

Freight Movements Resolution That the NGA calls upon the State, Federal and Territory Governments to develop effective environmental controls on trucks to respond to the projected growth in port and industry movements of freight over the next 20 years and to introduce tougher compliance standards for diesel emission particulate matter (PM2.5) as a priority.

Carried

Associated Resolution 33.1

Maribyrnong City Council VIC

Resolution

Diesel Emissions Standards Resolution That the NGA calls upon the Minister for the Environment, The Honourable Greg Hunt, to firmly state the Federal Government's position in support of stricter controls being implemented to the national Air Quality - National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM), currently under consideration by Government.

Resolution 34

Parkes Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly congratulates the Australian Government for establishing the the Inland Rail Implementation Group headed by former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson OAM to fast track the development of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Railway (MBIR). Currently the Federal Government has committed \$300 million to the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail to; finalise plans, engineering design and environmental assessments for Inland Rail. the development of the 10 year program early design work and approvals the commencement of early works and land acquisition (where required) and develop a detailed business case. The National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to now allocate funds in the forward estimates to ensure the construction of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail, to a modern-standard sufficient to drive modal shift from long-haul road to rail as we believe that it will bring economic and social benefits to

regional New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria as well as the national economy.

Carried

Resolution 35

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

That this General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement a high speed rail service between Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane, as an alternative to additional airports.

Carried

Resolution 36

Moreland City Council VIC

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) calls upon the Commonwealth Government to develop and enact a continuing funding package for public transport in all Australian States.

Carried

Motion 37

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

That this General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to set uniform standards, and fund the delivery of infrastructure, to support electric motor vehicles.

Lost

Motion 38

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review its technical support and provide funding for new and/or existing sustainable transport projects.

Lost

Strategic Resolution 39

Gosford City Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly request the Federal Government to develop a National response to climate change, including evidence based policy and strategy, considering the impact of climate change on local government. This response should include direct funding to local government, enabling local government to deliver its defined role.

Carried

Associated Resolution 39.1

Mackay Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to place on the agenda for its next scheduled Council of Australian Government meeting an urgent discussion on the impacts of climate change, now and into the future, and that the

meeting determines how the federal government, states and territories will deal with and finance the effects of climate change.

Resolution 40

Whitehorse City Council VIC

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly of Local Government request that the Australian Government accelerates the implementation of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme by increasing the annual industry targets allowed to be processed under the Scheme to levels that better match the volume of materials being collected by local government across Australia.

Carried

Resolution 41

Orange City NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly continue to support to the introduction of a National Container Deposit Scheme, and ensure Local Government is represented as a key stakeholder in the design and development of the technical features of such a scheme, to ensure the Scheme will be cost neutral to Local Government.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 42

Pyrenees Shire Council VIC

Resolution

That the Federal Government set a Renewable Energy Target of 33,500 GWh in line with the recent proposal by the Clean Energy Council.

Deferred

Associated Resolution 42.1

Yarra City Council VIC

Resolution

That the delegates to this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to retain the current Renewable Energy Target in order to: (a)encourage investment in this rapidly growing renewable energy industry; (b)retain employment and investment in Australia; and (c)support the grassroots efforts of Local Governments in facilitating uptake of renewable energy by homes and businesses".

Associated Resolution 42.2

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this National Assembly call on the Australian Government to support the develop of renewable energy local government projects.

Resolution 43

Tweed Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this NGA calls on the Federal Government to develop a: a. new national home sustainability rating scheme (NHSRS), covering energy, greenhouse and water performance to allow the sustainability approach to be broadened beyond 'low carbon' homes to 'low impact' homes, giving potential buyers a much clearer picture of a building's environmental performance and lifetime running costs. b. broadened and harmonised national rating scheme requirements across Australia so that assessment, implementation and compliance are uniform across the nation.

Carried

Resolution 44

Tweed Shire Council NSW

Resolution

The National General Assembly calls for a greater share of State and Commonwealth funding to be directed to programs that improve environmental assets at a local level such as bush land management, vertebrate pest control, and erosion issues.

Carried

Associated Resolution 44.1

Bayside City Council VIC

Resolution

That the National General Assembly advocates to the Federal Government through the Department of Environment for the development and implementation of a nationwide control program of the Indian Myna bird with the objective to reduce their numbers and limit their spread throughout Australia.

Carried

Resolution 45

Strathfield Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government call upon the Federal Government to ensure that the State Governments fully test and model the required infrastructure and services in order to fully consider the impacts to the proposed and existing communities prior to developing and releasing dwelling targets and increased densities in urban renewal areas.

Carried

Resolution 46

Wyong Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly call on the federal government to work with local governments to promote investment in rural and regional Australia, by way of incentives introduced into the 888 Significant Investment Visa scheme that favours investment in rural and regional Australia.

Carried

Resolution 47

Etheridge Shire Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA seek to have the Federal Government and the Developing Northern Australia Taskforce commit to funding the core infrastructure to enable development across Northern Australia furthermore the major transport routes across Northern Australia need to be recognised as part of National Highway No1.

Carried

Resolution 48

Tamworth Regional Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly support the Federal Governments plan for the Water Infrastructure Development Program, including the Dams Investment Program - to secure the nation's water supplies and deliver strong economic benefits for Australia, while protecting the environment.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 49

Gunnedah Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of the FIFO/DIDO report entitled "Cancer of the bush or salvation for our cities? Fly-in, fly-out and drive-in, drive-out workforce practices in Regional Australia" as expeditiously as possible.

Carried

Associated Resolution 49.1

Isaac Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to support the review of current tax arrangements, specific to recommendations 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Cancer of the Bush or Salvation for our cities? Fly-in, fly-out and drive-in, drive-out workforce practices in regional Australia report

Resolution 50

Isaac Regional Council QLD

Resolution

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to immediately commence the funding of the Australian Bureau of Statistics to establish a cross jurisdictional working group and implement a method for the accurate measurement of: the extent of fly-in , fly-out / drive-in, drive-out workforce practices in the resource sector; and service the populations of resource communities.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 51

Moreton Bay Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the NGA call on the Australian Government to consult with local government prior to any changes to the National Census.

Carried

Associated Resolution 51.1

Bayside City Council VIC

Resolution

That the NGA congratulates Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer on the Federal Government decision to continue the 5 year census collection and the \$250m technology upgrade.

Carried

Resolution 52

Tweed Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this NGA calls on the Commonwealth and respective State Governments, to restore funding to Case Management for Aged Care Funding Programs, to enable the reinstatement and continuation of locally delivered support for aged people experiencing; homelessness, squalor, complex needs, and issues of guardianship and trusteeship.

Carried

Resolution 53

City of Boroondara VIC

Resolution

That the Australian Government ensures that the funding that will be provided to Victorian local government to deliver the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) will be sufficient to meet demand without additional local government subsidy. Also that the Australian Government increases the level of communication with local government in Victoria with regards to the impending implementation of the CHSP.

Carried

Associated Resolution 53.1

Marrickville Council NSW

Resolution

THAT the proposed national fees policy and schedule as proposed by the Commonwealth Government for the Community Home Support Program be amended as follows: the establishment of a sliding scale for fees that recognises that assessment of income alone will not result in fair or equitable access to services; the development of a difference in pricing structure and costs for a range of circumstances faced by different target groups and in different geographic locations; delete the proposal of adding the cost of consumables to the per meal cost on the basis that it is anomalous and inequitable; and the proposed set meal cost does not consider the range of flexible and responsive meal options offered by many service providers and any set fees need to reflect this flexibility.

Strategic Resolution 54

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this National Assembly call on the Australian Government develop a co-ordinated approach with all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing of the most disadvantaged in the community.

Carried

Associated Resolution 54.1

Tweed Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the NGA calls on the Commonwealth and respective State Governments, to provide Affordable Housing and increased and targeted support for people who find themselves homeless.

Associated Resolution 54.2

City of Darwin NT

Resolution

That the National General Assembly seek Commonwealth leadership, coordination and resourcing for the development of culturally safe, affordable and accessible housing and shelter in all Australian capital cities including for intrastate and interstate visitors who are transient in and out of urban centres.

Resolution 55

Leichhardt Council NSW

Resolution

That the National Housing Supply Council, established to provide the Australian Government with expert advice on matters relating to housing and affordable housing supply, be reconstituted to provide the evidence base needed to inform national, state and local government planning for affordable housing.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 56

Blue Mountains City Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to recognise and acknowledge that Local Government is best placed to identify local and regional issues and solutions regarding homelessness and housing affordability, and as such, also call on the Federal Government to increase funding to Local Government to assist in the implementation and coordination of local and regional solutions.

Carried

Associated Resolution 56.1

Gunnedah Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to work with local government in order to address the issue of the lack of affordable housing, particularly in communities where there are added pressures on supply due to significant growth in mining development.

Resolution 57

Leichhardt Council NSW

Resolution

1. That the NGA make representations to the Federal Treasurer requesting the funding for Stage 5 of the highly effective National Rental Affordability Scheme be reinstated, as it has delivered tens of thousands of affordable housing units across Australia. 2. That in those representations to the Federal Treasurer the establishment of another five year program of NRAS allocations of a scale sufficient to address the national affordable housing demand noted in reports of the National Housing Supply Council is requested.

Carried

Resolution 58

Leichhardt Council NSW

Resolution

That the NGA supports provisions for paid leave entitlements and flexible working arrangements for Australian employees who experience domestic or family violence and write to the Minister for Industrial Relations seeking that paid family violence leave be included in the National Employment Standards (NES).

Carried

Resolution 59

Marrickville Council& Bankstown City NSW

Resolution

That the Commonwealth Department of Social Services continue the salary subsidy of Ageing and Disability positions within Local Government across Australia.

Carried

Resolution 60

Kyogle Council NSW

Resolution

That in recognition of the vital role broadband plays in the economic development across Australia, the National General Assembly lobby for continued subsidy for rural and remote communities to ensure equitable access to broadband internet services.

Carried

Resolution 61

Maribyrnong City Council VIC

Resolution

That that the NGA calls upon the Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP, Minister for Communications, and authorities responsible for the rollout of the National Broadband Network, to require NBN Co to consult directly with Local Governments and communities across Australia on its implementation.

Carried

Resolution 62

Shoalhaven City Council NSW

Resolution

That this NGA calls on the Federal Government to implement legislative change to ensure protection and reinstatement of Local Government assets to minimise impacts or damage by public utilities.

Carried

Resolution 63

Wyndham City Council & City of Whittlesea VIC

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the State Government and Federal Governments to; 1. reinstate the National Partnership Agreement on Preventative Health to tackle the country's obesity and diabetes epidemic 2. through continued investment in local government, strengthen the role of Councils in creating supportive environments for health This needs be fulfilled through a long-term commitment to funding all local governments for prevention into the future.

Carried

Resolution 64

Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That this National Assembly call on the Australian Government to allocate funding to reputable Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and non NGO's to address youth mental health and suicide.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 65

Northern Midlands Council TAS & Kyogle Council NSW

Resolution

That the NGA make representations to the Prime Minister requesting a referendum to facilitate the recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution.

Carried

Associated Motion 65.1

Yarra City Council VIC

Motion

That the delegates to this National General Assembly request the ALGA to: (a) re-declare its support for the Constitutional recognition of Local Government; and (b) (i) urge the Federal Government bring forward as a priority; and (ii) call on all political parties to support, a referendum being conducted on the same day as a second question following the referendum recognising the Indigenous population in our community in conjunction with the next General Election to so change the Federal Constitution to achieve this recognition.

Tied – Resolution lost - Chair will bring Motion to Board for discussion

Resolution 66

Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

Resolution

The National General Assembly of Local Government call on the Federal government to reverse changes to the eligibility criteria for the Community Support Program

Carried

Resolution 67

Leeton Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the National Assembly encourage the government in the conduct of a comprehensive and effective educational media campaign on the dangers and effects of the drug "Ice" as a first response in addressing the significant impacts being felt across Australian communities.

Carried

Resolution 68

Meander Valley Council TAS

Resolution

That the National General Assembly make strong representations to Prime Minister the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Federal Agriculture Minister the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Industry Minister the Hon. Ian McFarlane MP and Small Business Minister the Hon. Bruce Billson MP, to request that the Australian Government implement a stronger and clearer Country of Origin Food Labelling system, which provides consumers with clear information about the origins of their food, and levels the playing field for Australian food producers.

Resolution 69

Moonee Valley VIC

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government calls on the Federal Government to support local governments in implementing a national safety campaign aimed at stopping children being left unattended in cars, including financial support for the strategic roll out of signage across appropriate local, state and federal government owned land.

Carried

Resolution 70

Central Highlands Regional Council QLD

Resolution

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently review its planned funding cuts to the Australian Broadcasting Commission and ensure the national broadcaster is adequately resourced so that it can retain its services throughout Australia and especially to regional Australia.

Carried

Strategic Resolution 71

District Council of Mount Barker SA

Resolution

The National General Assembly calls on ALGA to write to the Minister for Trade, requesting an update on the content and proceedings of the Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement and, as a legitimate stakeholder, consultation prior to the signing of the TPP.

Carried

Associated Resolution 71.1

Tenterfield Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That in any Reform of the Federation, ALGA recommends to the Federal Government that Investor-State Dispute Settlements (ISDS) remain a Federal Government responsibility and charge, whether arising from Federal, State or Local Government Jurisdictional Action.

Resolution 72

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide adequate opportunities for consultation for major transport infrastructure proposals on Commonwealth land or under Commonwealth jurisdiction, that the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 be amended to set a minimum period of 3 months and a maximum period of 6 months for proposals identified as large scale to allow local and State governments, and the public, to respond to a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on such proposals.

Carried

Resolution 73

City of Melville WA

Resolution

That the National General Assembly acknowledges the seven core values of public participation as leading positive practice for involving citizens in democratic decision making and requests the Australian Government demonstrate the use of these principles in the development of public policy. CORE VALUES of Public Participation (Ref: International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) 1.Acknowledge that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process. 2.Demonstrate how the public's contribution will influence the

decision. 3.Promote sustainable decisions by recognising and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers. 4.Seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision. 5.Seek input from participants in designing how they participate. 6.Provide participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way. 7.Communicate to participants how their input affected the decision.

Carried

Motion 74

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

That this General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to regulate all commercial airport operations to ensure that flight activities over metropolitan areas are subject to appropriate curfews except in case of emergency.

Lost

Resolution 75

Leichhardt Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly of Local Government request the Australian Treasurer to develop disincentives to long term vacancies of retail premises in mainstreet shopping strips in order to assist the rejuvenation of the many mainstreet shopping strips affected by downturns in trade due to the impact of online shopping and other changes in the retail sector.

Carried

Resolution 76

LaTrobe City Council VIC

Resolution

That this National Assembly support the use and promotion of timber products by Local Government across Australia, using a policy similar to the Wood Encouragement Policy developed by Latrobe City Council.

Carried

Motion 77

Blacktown City Council NSW

Resolution

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

Lost

Resolution 78

Tenterfield Shire Council NSW

Resolution

That the Australian Local Government Association increases communication to councils throughout the year on the outcomes of Resolutions passed, including responses from Federal Government Ministers, and whether substantial influence or significant action has been achieved.

Carried

Motion 79

Gosford City Council NSW

Resolution

That the National General Assembly review the constitution of the Australian Local Government Association to achieve a change in ownership from the State Associations, to a company limited by shares where Councils are members.

Lost unanimously

Resolution 80

Melbourne City Council VIC

Resolution

That the National General Assembly endorse the following transparency and disclosure principles as measures to be considered by local government across Australia to demonstrate leadership in good governance and transparency. 1.Public disclosure on council website of a full lease register detailing the terms of any arrangements with third parties who occupy council-owned land and buildings. 2.Annual public disclosure on council website details of independent valuations of council-owned land and buildings above a threshold of \$1 million. 3.Disclosure in council annual reports the employment terms of their five most senior officers including name, position, remuneration and length of contract. 4.Making an audio recording of council and committee meetings available alongside the formal minutes where practicable and affordable. 5.Allocation of at least 15 minutes each month to unscripted oral public questions at a full council or committee meeting. 6.Periodic disclosure on council website of expense claims made by councillors 7.Pre-approval of interstate and international travel by councillors at an open council or committee meeting.

Lost

That the National General Assembly encourage all local governments to review their governance arrangements to ensure adequate transparency in decision making.

Carried

Special Urgent Resolution 81

Tumut Shire Council NSW & ALGA

Resolution

That the NGA strongly supports the ALGA President in his advocacy at COAG to ensure the national campaign against domestic violence is appropriately resourced.

Carried unanimously