

Resolutions from the 2017 National General Assembly

Resolution Number: 1

Uralla Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call upon the Federal government to hold a referendum to amend the Commonwealth Constitution to formally recognise 'local government' and further that the National General Assembly seek bi-partisan support for the proposal.

Carried

Resolution Number: 2

Moreton Bay Regional Council, QLD

That the Australian Local Government Association call on the Australian Government to reallocate Commonwealth taxes to achieve at least a 1% share for local government throughout Australia.

Carried

Resolution Number: 3

Flinders Shire Council, QLD

That the Australian Government undertake a review of the intrastate distribution of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995, with focus on: - the inconsistency of the National Principles between distributing the funds on a full horizontal equalisation basis and the Minimum Grant Principle (namely 30 per cent of funds being distributed on a per capital basis); and - the effectiveness of the current intrastate distribution of the Financial Assistance Grants in ensuring that each local governing body in a State/Territory is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other local government bodies in the State/Territory.

Carried

Resolution Number: 4

Leeton Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to investigate the payment of a "claw back" provision to regain lost indexation funding from the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 periods.

Carried

Resolution Number: 5

Lake Macquarie City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call upon call on the Australian Government to review the amount and method of indexing Financial Assistance Grants to ensure that funding is commensurate with increases in the costs of efficient local government service delivery in 2017-18 and beyond.

Carried

Resolution Number: 6

Maribyrnong City Council, VIC

That the NGA condemn state and territory government rate capping policies and call on the Federal Government to immediately review state government control over Local Government's capacity to set its own rates and control its own revenue.

Carried

Resolution Number: 7

City of Mitcham, SA

That this National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to make Federal owned land rateable by Local Government.

Carried

Resolution Number: 8

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly requests a review of the Australian Accounting Standards in regards to the terminology of "depreciation" and the need for depreciation and its relationship to financial statements for local government entities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 9

Tweed Shire Council, NSW

That the Australian Local Government Association lobby the Federal and State/Territory Governments to consider instituting into the appropriate taxation systems a 'Booking Tax or tariff' for online accommodation brokers such as 'Airbnb' utilising residential zoned and rated land, in a similar method to the levying of the Hospitality Tax currently being applied in the United States of America and that funds raised be distributed by way of formula to Local Government Authorities and National Parks to fund public infrastructure that supports and underpins tourism.

Carried

Resolution Number: 10

Tamworth Regional Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to make the Roads to Recovery Program permanent.

Carried

Motion Number: 11

Diamantina Shire Council, QLD

That the Roads to Recovery programme be continued beyond 2018-19 financial year in its current form and its current level indexed by CPI.

Withdrawn

Resolution Number: 12

Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to accelerate the development of a national approach to the regulatory framework and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) architecture to facilitate the introduction of connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs).

Carried

Resolution Number: 13

Adelaide City Council, SA

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to develop a national policy to encourage the importation and sale of electric vehicles in Australia including the establishment of Federal Interstate Registration Scheme for Electric Vehicles. Advocate for consistency in national charging infrastructure in all states.

Carried

Resolution Number: 14

Blacktown City Council, NSW

That National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to establish a national policy framework for determining road pricing and tolling schemes which address the current inequities faced by business and motorists especially in outer suburban growth areas.

Carried

Resolution Number: 15

Logan City Council, QLD

That the 2017 National General Assembly calls for clear and definitive funding guidelines for roads that are of national importance and part of the National Land Transport Network.

Carried

Resolution Number: 16

Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a fund to incentivise local and state and territory governments to conduct comprehensive transport surveys and contribute to a national database on an ongoing basis.

Carried

Motion Number: 17

Leeton Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to build the nation by actively supporting the development of a new rail service linking the ports of Melbourne and Brisbane via the food bowl (including Shepparton – Tocumwal – Narrandera - Parkes) in order to optimise the freight task, keep our roads safe and reduce our impact on the environment.

Withdrawn

Resolution Number: 18

Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to support and prioritise the Transcontinental rail network, so that the potential of inland regional centres can be brought to bear, maximising efficiency in getting people, freight and produce right around the country and beyond as well as directly into the great interior, increasing access to tourist destinations and improving liveability in remote regions.

Carried

Resolution Number: 19

Liverpool City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly seeks an assurance from the Federal Government that forward funding for infrastructure delivery, including transport, is provided to those areas (and surrounding areas) being rezoned by state governments before those land areas are rezoned and include funding for Council infrastructure that Councils aren't allowed to levy for.

Carried

Resolution Number: 20

Maribyrnong City Council, VIC

That the NGA advocate to the Federal Government for a national sustainable cities fund directed at cities with high population growth.

Carried

Resolution Number: 21

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to allocate funds to Local Government for a progressive upgrade of the Savannah Way - Cairns through to Darwin.

Carried

Resolution Number: 22

Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to modernise the Airports Act 1996 to enable the safe and efficient growth of airport operations while also facilitating appropriate economic development and urban density policies of local governments.

Carried

Resolution Number: 23

Maribyrnong City Council, VIC

That the NGA advocate to the Federal Government for national funds for Local Government to implement Smart Communities initiatives such as Tesla batteries and other technological solutions.

Carried

Resolution Number: 24

Sunshine Coast Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide greater incentives under its National Innovation and Science Agenda to encourage young entrepreneurs to establish start-up businesses in regional areas of Australia outside of the capital cities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 25

Hobsons Bay City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call upon the Federal Government to support local government with funding, and resources to develop and implement open data initiatives and expedite the release of council data assets.

Carried

Resolution Number: 26

Wagga Wagga City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call, on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to ensure that the census data be more easily accessible for analysis at a local government area level.

Carried

Resolution Number: 27

Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly approach the Australian Bureau of Statistics to make public available data and statistics on agricultural commodity production by local government area. This data needs to be provided in both dollar values and in actual tonnage (volume) terms.

Carried

Resolution Number: 28

City of Prospect, SA

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to declare high-speed, high-capacity broadband to be a utility, defined as an essential infrastructure service provided principally for public benefit and which enables economic growth and greater quality of life to achieve the goal of universal coverage.

Carried

Resolution Number: 29

Sunshine Coast Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to implement an urgent review of the roll out of the NBN Fibre to the Node (FTTN) services and propose a revised back up power supply solution to overcome the loss of communications that will now be experienced during extended power outages.

Carried

Resolution Number: 30

Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD

That the National General assembly call on the Federal Government to insert into the Telecommunications Act 1997, stronger provisions and guidelines aimed at achieving greater co-location by telecommunications providers of telecommunication installations and facilities throughout urban and sub-urban environments across Australia.

Carried

Resolution Number: 31

Sunshine Coast Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to amend Schedule 3A of the Telecommunications Act 1997 to facilitate the consideration of a request from the Sunshine Coast Council to seek the declaration of a submarine cable protection zone, given the national interest associated with establishing an

alternative landing site on the eastern seaboard for Australia and providing greater redundancy for our international data connectivity.

Carried

Motion Number: 32

Maribyrnong City Council, VIC

That the NGA advocate to the Federal Government to develop a new National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA).

Withdrawn

Resolution Number: 33

Tweed Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on both the Federal and State/Territory Governments to consider providing an amendment to the Income Tax Assessment Act whereby a private land owner with capacity in their home to let a bedroom or perhaps a granny flat would be exempt from both capital gains tax and land tax provisions should the bedroom or granny flat be let to a person deemed in housing crisis by Centrelink. Obligations on the property owner would be to register their property with Centrelink and the appropriate Office of State Revenue as available for affordable accommodation and rents payable should be capped and set by a Government body based upon locality. Localities could be broadly set in four subcategories as follows:

i. CBD and inner suburbs

ii. Outer metropolitan suburbs

ii. Regional city centres

iv. Rural Rents payable to the property owner could be made directly by Centrelink in lieu of rental assistance paid directly to the client. This would ensure that the funds were directed to address the accommodation needs as opposed to other expenditure.

Carried

Resolution Number: 34

Moreland City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call for:

1. The Commonwealth to commits to action and resources to address the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. Specifically, the NGA calls for the continuation of the National Affordable Housing Agreement or the creation of a new agreement which will provide significant assistance the states and territories to provide housing to the most vulnerable and to support frontline homelessness services.

2. That NGA calls on the Federal government to take decisive action to address Australia's housing affordability crisis, including:

- A detailed analysis and response to the impacts that negative gearing and capital gains tax are having upon affordability;

- Research into new models for facilitating affordable housing development, including deliberative development and cooperative approaches to financing and investment;

- Working collaboratively with the States to develop a comprehensive, long term set of integrated policy measures to address housing affordability.

Carried

Resolution Number: 35

Whitehorse City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government to support their policies regarding women and sport by allocating significant funds to assist local government build and maintain 'female friendly' sporting facilities and amenities to give girls and women a fair go in equal access to community sporting opportunities and hence to enable improved health and wellbeing in their lives.

Carried

Resolution Number: 36

Moreland City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth, State, Territory and local governments to support the inclusion of Family Violence clauses in all work place policies nationally.

Carried

Resolution Number: 37

Wentworth Shire Council,

That this National General Assembly call for a Federal Tribunal to be created to institute applications for protection orders which are recognised and enforceable across state borders. Such a tribunal as above, will preside in a less formal closed court capacity with specially trained Magistrates to hear domestic violence, sexual and child related matters, to minimise the effect of retraumatising victims, while supporting accused to better manage future decisions.

Carried

Resolution Number: 38

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this national congress requests the Commonwealth Government review delivery, service and funding models for the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for Rural and Regional Australia.

Carried

Resolution Number: 39

Whittlesea City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly supports the Welcoming Cities initiative launched by the Scanlon Foundation and Welcome to Australia in March 2016; and the development of The Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities, to support local councils in their work to create more inclusive communities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 40

Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide sufficient funding mechanisms to support local governments and approved community organisations that assist community integration for refugees accepted under Australia's Humanitarian Programme and resettled to those Local Government areas.

Carried

Resolution Number: 41

City of Mitcham, SA

That this National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association to fund a study into the benefits and economic development outcomes of Sister City and Friendly City Relationships across Australia and make recommendations on best practice Sister City and Friendly City Programs.

Carried

Resolution Number: 42

Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to commit to a fully funded Mental Health Agreement that reflects a whole of government approach.

Carried

Resolution Number: 43

Meander Valley Council, TAS

That this National General Assembly:

1. Acknowledges that preventative approaches to health are empowering, enduring and economic
2. Calls on the Federal Government to restore funding for preventative health services, particularly in rural and remote regions where very limited options for treatment exist for local communities; and
3. Requests that the Commonwealth through the organisations of funded primary health networks, recognise and support locally led preventative health services; and
4. Recognises that investment in chronic health issues must not come at the expense of effective early intervention and preventative health services.

Carried

Resolution Number: 44

Forbes Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to take responsibility to address the Ice drug problem.

Carried

Resolution Number: 45

Lake Macquarie City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to work with Local Government and the relevant water safety policy agency in each state government and territory to ensure coastal public safety best practice standards and lifesaving service minimum qualification guidelines are reported annually.

Carried

Resolution Number: 46

Tamworth Regional Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to assist effected airport owners, both regional and metropolitan, with funding and expertise to address the contamination issue resulting from per and poly – fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) including:

- identification of the extent of the contamination at individual airports, including adjacent land and any off airport sites where fire fighting training was undertaken; • remediation of the sites; and,
- compensation to landowners adversely effected by contamination originating at the airport and travelling off site.

Carried

Resolution Number: 47

Moreland City Council, VIC

1) The National General Assembly welcomes improved control of online gambling anticipated with the passage of the Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016 but calls on the Commonwealth Parliament to introduce further reform to reduce gambling harm and protect the integrity of sport, specifically to:

- Phase out gambling advertising on television and radio starting with urgent action to eliminate exposure to sports betting advertisements during family viewing periods.

2) The National General Assembly calls on the national and state/territory parliaments to enhance consumer protection for users of electronic gaming machines, specifically to:

- Regulate for the redesign of machines to eliminate design features that increase the likelihood of addiction such as losses disguised as wins.

3) The National General Assembly calls on state/territory parliaments to introduce \$1 maximum bet limits on all licensed electronic gaming machines to limit losses per person to \$120 per hour in line with the Productivity Commission's 2010 recommendation.

4) The National General Assembly calls on state/territory parliaments to review electronic gaming machines license approval processes to:

- Enhance local governments' capacity to represent community interests;
- Ensure that technical standards for approval of electronic gaming machines provide for effective consumer protection;
- Ensure a consistent national approach to transparency of gaming venue data using Victoria as a model of best practice.

Carried

Motion Number: 48

Eurobodalla Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on local government to give preference to financial institutions that do not invest in, or finance, the fossil fuel industry where council's investment is compliant with its Investment Policy and the investment rate of interest is equivalent to other similar investments that may be on offer to council at the time of investment.

Lost

Resolution Number: 49

Northern Midlands Council, TAS

That the National General Assembly lobby the government for a more strategic approach towards community organisations, commitment to build community organisations and grow community social capital.

Carried

Resolution Number: 50

Fraser Coast Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to audit its unutilised assets for opportunities to enable the communities to build and strengthen social capital and work with local councils to ensure they are utilised whilst removing hurdles to communities in terms of risk and liability; for example future liability for pre-existing environmental risk at rifle ranges.

Carried

Resolution Number: 51

Blue Mountains City Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to ensure that in view of changing geopolitical security challenges to Australia's national security, that Australian and state and territory governments provide specialist advice on the appropriate level of mitigation required for events and that they provide financial support for security outcomes on Australian and state and territory events and the primary responsibility for funding the design and installation of engineering solutions to manage risk of vehicle incursions at community events is borne by Federal and state and territory governments, not local government and small not for profit community groups.

Carried

Resolution Number: 52

Hobart City Council, TAS

That the National General Assembly encourage Australian councils to consider efforts they could take to lobby the Federal Government to change the date of recognition of Australia Day.

Carried

Resolution Number: 53

Loddon Shire Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to enter into agreements with relevant state governments whereby funding towards critical flood mitigation infrastructure for communities be funded on a 50% cost share basis between the states and commonwealth, with:

1. Such funding arrangements being subject to the availability of the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants program funding and the presentation of a favourable business case; and
2. Local councils being exempt from having to contribute to the initial capital cost of such works, noting their responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and renewal of this infrastructure once constructed.

Carried

Resolution Number: 54

Byron Shire Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to enact the recommendations within the Productivity Commission report: Natural Disaster Funding, as presented to the government on 17 December 2014 and publicly released on 1 May 2015, namely:

- The Australian Government post-disaster support to state and territory governments (states) should be reduced, and support for mitigation increased.
- Greater budget transparency
- The Australian Government should provide a base level of support to states commensurate with relative fiscal capacity and the original 'safety-net' objective of disaster recovery funding, with the option for states to purchase 'top-up' fiscal support.
- Australian Government mitigation funding to states should increase to \$200 million a year and be matched by the states.
- Greater state and local government autonomy in how they pursue disaster recovery and mitigation. This greater autonomy should be supported by performance and process based accountability mechanisms that embed good risk management.

Carried

Resolution Number: 55

Diamantina Shire Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly advocate that the new funding methodology for the restoration of assets under the NDRRA be based on a lump sum allocation derived from mutually agreed unit rates for each local government which take into account the individual circumstances of that council.

Withdrawn

Resolution Number: 56

Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

The the National General Assembly advocate that the Federal Government's Natural Disaster Funding Programs include natural and built assets as eligible works when impacted by natural disaster events and effects of climate change and sea level rise.

Carried

Resolution Number: 57

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National Congress calls on the Commonwealth Government to review and amend National Policy to recognise the impact of Drought within disaster response when NDRAA activation occurs.

Carried

Resolution Number: 58

Horsham Rural City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly advocate for the review of standards associated with flood recovery funding, whereby road assets that are vulnerable to the impacts of flooding in successive events are re-instated to a standard that provides durability and resilience to withstand future flooding.

Carried

Resolution Number: 59

Forbes Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all major highways providing interstate connectivity are brought to a flood proofed status.

Carried

Resolution Number: 60

Tweed Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly request that respective State, Territory and Federal Governments develop measures or increase recurrent annual funding to either:

a) provide a relocation assistance package or

b) acquire through a voluntary purchase scheme; for residential, commercial or industrial land identified in local council flood studies as high impact flood prone land or provide an impediment to the flood plain to increase flood resilience and lessen the social, environmental and economic impacts of recurring natural disasters.

Carried

Resolution Number: 61

Leeton Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to review the accessibility of Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) funding so as to provide improved and equitable access to renewable energy technologies for regional communities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 62

Albury City Council, NSW

That the NGA calls for urgent action by the Australian Government to maintain equity between pricing and market supply for domestic energy on the basis of clear market failure in terms of energy supply and competition under the current open market conditions.

Carried

Resolution Number: 63

Blacktown City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly:

1. Calls on the Commonwealth and states to establish national standards for energy from waste plants which reflect current world's best practice and have the capacity and requirements to be amended as the technology changes.
2. Calls for a Commonwealth Parliamentary Inquiry into energy from waste plants that looks at having a world's best practice standard across Australia. The terms of reference to include examining the ability for obsolescence in relation to increased recycling targets, environmental standards and ongoing standards for proprietorship and managerial control.

Carried

Resolution Number: 64

Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to review the energy market, with a view to regulating the continual increase in poles and wires maintenance costs, to provide some certainty and direction in investment; and further to review national security implications of states sale of electricity infrastructure to foreign owned companies.

Carried

Resolution Number: 65

Willoughby City Council, NSW

That this National Assembly call upon the Australian Government to commit to:

- I. Developing a National Coastal Policy.
- II. Instituting a National Coastal Council or Commission.
- III. Developing a National Marine Management Strategy.
- IV. Implement a renewal of funding for community-based coastal conservation activities.
- V. Re-establish the successful national Coastcare program of state and regional coordinators supporting local communities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 66

District Council of Streaky Bay, SA

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to fund local avenues of protecting and sustaining the keys to the liveability and success of coastal destinations (pristine beaches, aquaculture, fisheries), e.g fund more 'local' fisheries inspectors and educational programs.

Carried

Resolution Number: 67

Cook Shire Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to change the National Electricity Rules to ensure that all owners of Australian distribution and transmission (poles and wires) networks carry adequate insurance cover for natural disasters in the form of either an insurance policy, or if self-insured, a locked reserve for natural disasters.

Carried

Resolution Number: 68

Inner West Council, NSW

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

1. Endorse and implement the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry into Stormwater Management in Australia 2015.
2. Initiate a National Inquiry on the sustainable management of Australia's water supply and planning for water security for urban cities.
3. Develop a nation-wide Water Security Assessment process to be implemented by the State and Territory Governments for all major cities.

4. Prepare a guideline document(s) for climate change adaptation and preparation, addressing water security solutions and design principles for cities.
5. Develop a national best practice policy framework / and / or a national standard for the implementation of Water Sensitive Urban Design into all new developments and retrofitting into existing developments.
6. Develop an incentives program to ensure Water Sensitive Urban Design is incorporated into all new development projects, and retrofitting projects across all states and territories.
7. Commit to a long-term investment program for the management and maintenance of water infrastructure in cities.
8. Work with the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) to set national targets for water reuse by water authorities.
9. Introduce a national standard requiring, as a minimum, secondary treatment of sewage released from ocean outfalls.

Carried

Resolution Number: 69

Willoughby City Council, supported by Inner West Council, NSW

That this National Assembly call upon the Australian Government to:

- I. Endorse and implement the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry into the Threat of Marine Plastic Pollution in Australia.
- II. Implement a legislative national ban on plastic microbeads, by, for example, listing products containing microbeads as a prohibited import, and banning the domestic production of personal care products containing microbeads under the Cosmetics Standard 2007.
- III. Support research into reducing synthetic microfibres from entering the environment via washing machine wastewater in sewage, such as new, low-fibre-loss fabrics or washing machine filters. IV. Prepare template legislation for container deposit schemes and single use plastic bag bans for all remaining states and territories who have not yet implemented them.
- V. Establish a forum for joint Commonwealth, state and territory decisions on reducing and mitigating plastic pollution and other environmental issues. VI. Set more ambitious targets for packaging reduction and industry recycling under the Australian Packaging Covenant; and provide clear, comprehensive annual auditing and public reporting of the outcomes of the Australian Packaging Covenant and the level of enforcement of the National Environmental Protection Measure by the states and territories.
- VII. Work with neighbouring countries in the region to develop cooperative programs to clean up marine debris pollution in international waters.

Carried

Motion Number: 70

Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly calls for a national body with full jurisdictional powers to oversee all national water resources including the use, extraction and flow into catchment areas, rivers, streams and oceans after processing; and other industry uses needs to be monitored and regulated for quality and accurate accounting of the National water registry.

Lost

Resolution Number: 71

Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to implement an Innovation Fund for the specific purpose of reducing plastic waste.

Carried

Resolution Number: 72

City of Armadale, WA

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth to work with local and state/territory governments towards implementing a national ban on single use non-reusable plastic bags.

Carried

Resolution Number: 73

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to develop, in conjunction with the Bureau of Meteorology, a nationally consistent framework to address and manage activities such as cloud seeding and hail cannons that interfere with natural weather patterns.

Carried

Resolution Number: 74

Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call for the creation of a national disaster fund to provide emergency relief during and as a consequence of sudden climactic events, such as the tornadoes and hailstone freak conditions which show the disparity in state responses to the same event, where lives, stock or livelihood is at immediate risk.

Carried

Resolution Number: 75

Eurobodalla Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to fund a national education program be developed on the issues associated with balloon release in relation to littering and helium usage, and to encourage the banning of the release of balloons.

Carried

Motion Number: 76

Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

That the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, be requested to bring into force national bans on the use of helium to inflate balloons and the release of balloons.

Lost

Resolution Number: 77

Griffith City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to carry out a further feasibility study on David Coffey's "Scheme to Divert Tributaries of the Clarence River to the Murray Darling Basin" to gather up-to-date information for investigation into this scheme.

Carried

Resolution Number: 78

Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly lobby the Commonwealth Government to develop and implement a National Flying-Fox Management Framework to coordinate and harmonise flying-fox management across jurisdictions.

Carried

Resolution Number: 79

Northern Midlands Council, TAS

That this National General Assembly lobby Federal Government for a centralised data system on weed management and additional funding for authorised weeds officers across the nation.

Carried

Resolution Number: 80

Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide legal and financial assistance and training direct to local government areas affected by Native Title determinations.

Carried

Resolution Number: 81

Tamworth Regional Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to host an Annual Forum with the Prime Minister and Cabinet in a regional, rural or remote community. .

Carried

Resolution Number: 82

Albury City Council, NSW

That the NGA calls for more specific and effective state cross border planning legislation including integrated strategic planning for transport and infrastructure to unlock productivity in cross border communities.

Carried

Resolution Number: 83

Wagga Wagga City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal and state and territory governments to promote and advocate for the role of local councils in regards to the nine recommendations from the Federal Senate enquiry into Regional Capitals.

Carried

Resolution Number: 84

Kyogle Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to create a rural portfolio.

Carried

Resolution Number: 85

Kyogle Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the State/Territory and Federal Governments to differentiate between rural and regional grants (as opposed to quarantining grant money for 'regional' areas) and that this differentiation be reflected in the criteria of grants, affording rural, remote and isolated communities a better chance of success when applying for grant funding.

Carried

Resolution Number: 86

Wagga Wagga City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to give priority to decentralising government jobs to regional areas to drive growth and innovation.

Carried

Resolution Number: 87

Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to realign the locality and postcodes in regional and remote and cross border areas to improve consistency and enhance communication by post and parcel delivery through reducing inefficiencies associated with misdirected mail services.

Carried

Motion Number: 88

Mount Isa City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to de-centralise the Office of Developing Northern Australia, with Representative Offices being established across several geographic locations within each State or territory.

Lost

Resolution Number: 89

Glen Innes Severn Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to establish a greater number of medical schools in regional universities and provide higher incentives to medical schools and incentives to the students themselves at all universities to include a component for medical students to spend adequate time in rural medical practices to allow them to form relationships with the particular communities and develop the desire to return to these rural areas to live and work once their studies are completed.

Carried

Resolution Number: 90

Mount Isa City Council, QLD

The the National General Assembly lobby the Federal Government to ensure the cost of airfares and transport in remote and rural areas provides economic and affordable access to all residents.

Carried

Motion Number: 91

Coffs Harbour City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly, in recognising the impacts intensive agriculture and the rapid blueberry industry growth has had on the Mid North Coast of NSW, advocate that the regulation of agriculture should not solely be a local government responsibility but to work in partnership with all three levels of government, this includes land use, water allocation, land rehabilitation, spraying / pesticide use and visual impacts of netting.

Lost

Resolution Number: 92

Blacktown City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls for a local procurement policy for a proportion of Australian made products to be used wherever possible in the construction of new Commonwealth infrastructure assets.

Carried

Section A – Resolutions consistent with ALGA policy

All Carried

Resolution Number: A

Adelaide Plains Council, SA

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to mandate that the state and territory governments cease the philosophy of shifting unfunded responsibilities to local government whose respective communities ultimately bear the cost.

Resolution Number: B

District Council of Streaky Bay, SA

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to ensure State/Territory Governments do not impose multiple levies on councils, for example Rubble Royalties, NRM Levy, Waste Management Levy.

Resolution Number: C

Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to remove the impost on local government of collecting any Federal or state taxes in their annual rates notices.

Resolution Number: D

Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to amend Sections 25-65 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 – Local Government Election Expenses to extend the tax deductibility status for candidates in Local Government elections to be equitable with candidates in Federal and State Parliaments.

Resolution Number: E

Banyule City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government for the creation of an active transport infrastructure funding program directly to local councils.

Resolution Number: F

Brisbane City Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a fund to incentivise local governments to produce walking strategies to address issues including traffic congestion, healthy and active lifestyles to combat obesity, and assist the development of the tourism industry.

Resolution Number: G

District Council of Streaky Bay, SA

The the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to secure Black Spot funding to increase the safety and liveability of rural regions, e.g Eyre Peninsula.

Resolution Number: H

Blacktown City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls for the Commonwealth and states to allocate sufficient funding to support all the different elements of the infrastructure and community facilities required as a result of the new growth corridors nationally.

Resolution Number: I

Logan City Council, QLD

That the 2017 National General Assembly calls for the creation of a 'growing suburbs fund' to support infrastructure provision in growing metropolitan fringe areas.

Resolution Number: J

Cessnock City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide funding to Local Government for infrastructure projects.

Resolution Number: K

Nillumbik Shire Council, VIC

That this Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a grant fund for regional recreational trail development to which local governments can make application for projects of an agreed regional nature.

Resolution Number: L

Blacktown City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to fully compensate local government for the direct cost of citizenship ceremonies **Carried** out by councils.

Resolution Number: M

Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to re-establish funding for Family Day Care Services that meet or exceed the National Quality Standards in a manner that provides continuity of financial support for quality services.

Resolution Number: N

Knox City Council, supported by Maroondah City Council., VIC

That the National General Assembly call of the Commonwealth Government to urgently commits to ongoing funding to support the provision of 15 hours of preschool to young children across the nation in recognition of the critical importance of the provision of accessible, affordable and high quality early childhood education and care services in building strong foundations for a prosperous, humane and modern Australia.

Resolution Number: O

Surf Coast Shire Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government to continue to provide its share of enduring funding of 15 hours of kindergarten per week for all children in the year before primary school.

Resolution Number: P

Horsham Rural City Council, VIC

That National General Assembly advocate for continued funding of the 15-hour kindergarten program by the Commonwealth Government beyond 2017 with permanent or long term funding being desirable.

Resolution Number: Q

Moreland City Council, VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit to recurrent funding of Universal Access to 15 hours of kindergarten.

Resolution Number: R

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly supports the review and reform of the NDRRA guidelines for disaster recovery funding arrangements by the Commonwealth Government and request that the approval process continue to be refined to ensure reinstatement and restoration works are delivered in the most time efficient and effective manner.

Resolution Number: S

North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

That this National General Assembly supports the review and reform of the NDRRA guidelines for disaster recovery funding arrangements by the Commonwealth Government and request that Local Government be considered as an equal partner in the review process for this all-important Government reform.

Resolution Number: T

Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly strongly advocate for a review of the NDRRA assessment and financial reimbursement processes and the introduction of a national funding mitigation infrastructure funding program aimed at assisting Councils nationwide to protect crucial infrastructure from increasing flood, storm, ocean and fire events.

Resolution Number: U

Alexandrina Council, SA

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to provide the funds needed to increase the adaptive capacity of councils to address climate change impacts, thereby improving the sustainability of Australian regions.

Resolution Number: V

Inner West Council, NSW

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to:- 1. Introduce a national standard for hazard and risk assessments and standard definitions for all natural hazards across all jurisdictions

2. Hold an inquiry into policies offered by insurance agencies to ensure fair and equitable coverage of natural hazards and to identify future risks and limitations.

3. Provide incentives for all state and territory governments to legislate legal liability restrictions for natural hazards, similar to Section 733 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.

4. Develop a National Coastline Observatory Facility to address the paucity of sustained observation currently underway around Australia's coastline to underpin the necessary foundation information for coastal risk assessment, climate change shoreline forecasting of coastal erosion and inundation warning systems.

5. Establish an intergovernmental agreement to continue to resource and update the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF) CoastAdapt tool post 2017.

6. Reduce Australia's future risk of extreme weather events and other impacts of climate change by:

- Phasing out fossil fuel credits and subsidies for the mining sector
- Committing to a clear plan for phasing out fossil fuel-generated electricity and replacing with renewable energy.

Resolution Number: W

Adelaide City Council, SA

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government for the development of a national population strategy with a focus on the equitable distribution across States and Territories of new economic and business migrants coming to Australia.

Resolution Number: X

Murrumbidgee Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on all tiers of Government in Australia to create policies and strategies that support economic and employment opportunities in Regional Australia to support Australia's emerging role as a key producer of primary products for the South East Asiaregion in a global context.