



2018 Resolutions

Special Ugent Business Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit to vital long-term funding for housing construction in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The current failure to do this risks reversing the gains made in these communities to Close the Gap of indigenous disadvantage in Australia. Refusal to provide funding will have catastrophic impacts on the social, educational and health outcomes, including increased mental health issues and family violence in these communities.

1 ALGA, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Commonwealth Government to initiate a timely process for the development and conduct of a national referendum on constitutional recognition of Local Government within 5 years. This process should be cognisant and respectful of indigenous people and not impede any process that recognises indigenous people.

1.4 Hunter's Hill Council, NSW **Carried**

That the Australian Local Government Association consider advocating for a second question concerning democratic recognition of local government in the Constitution to be put to the Australian people at a referendum asking that a new section 119A be inserted with wording to the effect (or similar effect) that:

- Each State shall, and each Territory may, provide for the establishment and continuance of local government bodies directly chosen by the people in accordance with its laws and empowered to administer, and to make by-laws for, their respective areas in accordance with the laws of the State or Territory.
- The Parliament of a State or Territory may by Statute dismiss a local government body, and provide for the appointment of persons to perform its functions and exercise its powers until such time as a new local government is elected.

1.5 City of West Torrens, SA **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association, with involvement in the Council of Australian Governments, approach the Federal Government to write a new Federal Constitution for the 21st Century.

1.6 Frankston City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly endorses the constitutional acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians as the first peoples of this land. Furthermore, the National General Assembly call on Federal Parliament to allow a national referendum for Australians to make a determination on this matter.

2 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly advocates on behalf of local government that Financial Assistance Grants should be increased to at least 1% of national taxation revenue at the 2019/2020 budget.

3 Yarra City Council, VIC

Carried

- 1) That the National General Assembly, in line with previous NGA resolutions over successive years, continue raising with the Commonwealth through COAG and all other relevant forums:
 - a) The need for re-alignment of federal funding arrangements so that the three levels of Government in Australia have a more efficient match between their public responsibilities and their finances;
 - b) The need for the Commonwealth to urgently address the rapidly growing infrastructure gap in the States, particularly in regards to rail transport in and between capital and regional cities – with significant funding being immediately provided to metropolitan public transport which will free up road space for cars and freight;
 - c) The need for equitable infrastructure funding to States to reduce major discrepancies between the Australian States, e.g. Victoria’s infrastructure funding has been reduced to 8-9% of federal infrastructure funding notwithstanding its population being 25% of the nation which produces 22% of the Australian GDP.
- 2) That the National General Assembly therefore seeks:
 - a) A commitment to a “new agreement of principles” funding discussion across all three levels of government so it is clear who does what based from which taxation stream.
 - b) Equitable Commonwealth infrastructure investment in rail and other infrastructure projects (in both metropolitan and regional cities); and
 - c) Better communication of the Commonwealth’s infrastructure funding distribution formula.

4 Livingstone Shire Council, QLD

Carried

- a) That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association to lobby State and National Governments to adjust procurement policy and practices to drive local content supply chain opportunities and direct spend, specifically in regional Australia, and particularly where Tier 1 and Tier 2 contractors are engaged to ensure that contracts require local content outcomes that are measurable and accountable to milestone achievements.
- b) That Local Government is encouraged to lead by example by updating procurement policy to ensure appropriate weightings for local content are included and outcomes are measured and reported.

5 City of Wagga Wagga, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to engage with the States in order for the States to make changes and support legislation procurement frameworks that allow for Local Government to implement a similar Federal Government Indigenous Procurement Policy.

6 Logan City Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to introduce a taxation category recognising social enterprises and develop a National Guideline for Social Procurement in Local Government that provides clear parameters for councils developing social procurement policies within existing legislative frameworks.

7 Bayside City Council, VIC

Carried

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

- Build upon existing initiatives including industry product stewardship schemes, and directives on recyclable packaging, to ensure packaging and products are designed for minimal packaging, re-use, recycling and repair, with the disposal costs included in the purchase or disposal price;
- Ensure the goals and objectives set out in the Australian Packaging Covenant Strategic Plan 2017-2022 are prioritised and achieved as a matter of urgency;
- Financially support regional waste management solutions for advanced alternative waste treatment and processing;
- Ensure government and industry procurement and tenders specify the use of products with recycled content, minimal packaging and repair;
- Develop a national Circular Economy Strategy to develop markets for recyclable products.

7.3 City of Adelaide, SA

Carried

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian government to collaborate with State and Local Governments and the recycling industry sector to investigate alternatives to exporting recyclable waste materials to China, including increased government and public procurement of products with Australian recycled content; investing in local recycling infrastructure that maximises the economic value of recovered materials; and/or changes to packaging regulation.

7.4 City of Adelaide, SA

Carried

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop an Australian Standard for compostable takeaway food and beverage containers and a nationwide labelling standard for recyclable and compostable takeaway food and beverage containers by 2020.

7.5 Macedon Ranges Shire Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly advocate the following:

- 1) That the Federal Government commence an enquiry into the future of the waste and recycling sector in Australia, to review the current practices of waste to landfill and recyclables being sent overseas which are no longer sustainable or viable.
- 2) That the Federal Government implement policy settings that support a philosophy that views waste as a resource and resets the waste and recycling industry to move towards establishing a sustainable and viable waste and recycling resource recovery industry.
- 3) That the Federal Government invest in supporting market development, technologies and the associated local industries in creating and expanding potential end market uses of recovered resources.

8 City of Ryde, NSW

Carried

Councils are required by the State and Federal Government to manage terror and security related risks at events and in crowded places. The National General Assembly seeks the following commitment from Federal and State Governments, that:

- The Federal Government funds councils to enact their roles and responsibilities as listed in the new 'National Counter-Terrorism Plan' (October 2017).

- The Federal Government funds councils and community groups to implement steps for protecting their sites from terror threats, as listed in ‘Australia’s Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism’ (August 2017).
- When security measures are for not-for-profit community events, the Federal Government has the primary responsibility of funding the design and installation of measures against vehicle attacks as outlined in the ‘Hostile Vehicle Guidelines for Crowded Places’ (2017), and the State Government funds the costs of Traffic Management Plans for traffic control and vehicle risks.
- That the Federal and State Governments will fully fund all terror and security measures for events run by the State and Federal Government and not place this cost impost on Councils.

9 Tenterfield Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly lobby the State Governments to apply local government rates to National Parks, Nature Reserves, State Conservation Areas and State Forests. Any ratings applied should be differential depending on impact and level of use.

10 Darebin City Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on ALGA to:

- 1) Explore all the potential impacts that the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement may have which could limit the ability of councils to enter into a range of strategies and policies such as environmental initiatives, local procurement, jobs programs and insourcing.
- 2) Develop an advocacy strategy as required to protect the role of local government now and in the future.
- 3) Communicate information to all councils on the impacts that TPP may have on their operations.

11 Wyndham City Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly congratulates the ALGA Secretariat for their thorough submission of September 2017 to the National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities Discussion Paper. The Assembly particularly notes recommendations that encourage more collaboration and planning between regional groupings of Councils on regional freight plans for local connector and arterial roads. The NGA therefore requests the Secretariat provide all Councils through their state associations with:

- An assessment of the alignment of the Strategy when it is released this year with its submission, and
- Case studies and options for regional groupings of Councils (metropolitan, rural, regional and a mix thereof) to collaborate and advocate for support from both State and Federal Governments for regional freight plans for local connector and arterial roads.

12 Leeton Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Requests the Federal Government to expand the traffic safety measure of Tactile Line Treatments (audible warning devices, rumble strips) as a mechanism for inclusion in the current and future National Road Safety Strategies.
- 2) Advocates for additional funding allocations to be incorporated into future Federal Assistance Grants (FAG) roads component to support the infrastructure costs associated with the inclusion of Tactile Line Treatments or Audible Warning Devices in road construction to improve road safety outcomes within regional communities.

13 Glen Innes Severn Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly expresses its concern regarding the Federal Minister for Roads' intention to require Roads to Recovery funding to be directed toward safety initiatives, noting that this may not achieve the desired outcome of a reduction in the road toll, but will divert much needed resources from Council's already inadequate roads renewal budget.

14 Brisbane City Council, QLD **Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ensure organisations capturing data about transport networks, openly share this data with local governments to assist with planning, delivery and operation of transport infrastructure.

15 Brisbane City Council, QLD **Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to require all state and territory governments to commit to conducting regular, consistent and comprehensive household travel surveys.

16 Isaac Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That this National General Assembly strongly condemns pricing exploitation and discrimination by any airline in rural, regional and remote regions, and calls for the Commonwealth Government Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport to address concerns raised by member Councils in its Inquiry into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities.

17 Tamworth Regional Council, NSW **Carried**

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to guarantee the preservation of landing slots at major metropolitan airports assigned to Regular Public Transport (RPT) Services from regional centres. Further, that the Australian Government provides every assistance to regional airline carriers to overcome the current pilot shortage which is impacting on the frequency of RPT Service schedules to and from regional centres.

18 Randwick City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Notes that each year many hundreds of people nationwide are forced to move from their homes to allow for the construction of public and private infrastructure and other projects including motorways, railways and hospitals, and that this process causes great distress, emotional and financial hardship, and the irretrievable fracturing of local communities.
- 2) Notes that the compulsory acquisition process is governed under the following acts: Commonwealth (Lands Acquisition Act 1989), New South Wales (Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991), Tasmania (Land Acquisition Act 1993), Queensland (Acquisition of Land Act 1967), South Australia (Land Acquisition Act 1969), Western Australia (Land Administration Act 1997), Victoria (Land Acquisition Act and Compensation Act 1986).
- 3) Acknowledges that while some states, including NSW and Victoria, have in recent years reviewed and amended their respective acts, many households who have and still remain in the process of having their homes forcibly acquired, remain distressed and deeply unsatisfied with the both the process and financial compensation they have been offered.
- 4) Calls on the Federal government to conduct a national review, with public hearings, into land acquisition procedures across all states and territories, and to harmonise all state provisions for compensation of land acquisitions in response to the review.

19 Boroondara City Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to adequately resource State and Local Governments to address and rectify the highly dangerous combustible cladding which has been used in construction of high rise residential and public buildings in order to avoid a potential loss of life and property across Australia.

20 Cessnock City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to endorse regulation and a licensing scheme for short term holiday letting of properties through businesses like Air BnB and Stayz.

21 City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Local Government Association to investigate options for a more sustainable management of street tree canopies under high voltage power lines in order to assist councils to negotiate with State government legislators and electricity suppliers, so as to minimise the damaging impacts on street trees now being caused by the excessive clearance of tree foliage away from high voltage wires, which takes no account of the health, aesthetic appearance, wildlife habitat and shade-giving values of street trees.

22 Newcastle City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Notes the continued uncertainty surrounding the status of second and third tier Cities, where those Cities can be classified as either as a 'regional' or 'metropolitan'.
- 2) Calls on the ALGA to write to the Premier of each state, seeking clarification about regional and metropolitan boundaries in that state emphasising the importance of recognising the importance of second and third tier cities to the Australia Economy.

- 3) Calls on the ALGA to write to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull seeking clarification about regional and metropolitan boundaries in Australia, recognising the importance of second and third tier cities to the Australian Economy.

23 Central Coast Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the State Governments to return to the councils all waste levy revenues collected to fund their councils' waste and recycling initiatives.

- For example, in 2016/17 the NSW State Government raised \$659m from local councils through their waste levy returning only 18% (\$118m) to local communities for waste management initiatives.
- Furthermore, the States undertake a thorough review of the classification of councils for the purpose of raising the levy.

24 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide more support to Local Government for the collection and disposal of hazardous wastes.

25 Tenterfield Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call for a ban be placed on wet wipes incorrectly marketed as "flushable toilet wipes" due to their negative impact on sewer lines and sewerage processing facilities.

26 Leeton Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Requests the Federal Government to investigate options for the implementation of a National Container Deposit Scheme to ensure consistency of operation in all states and territories.
- 2) Supports the implementation of a National Container Deposit Scheme to increase recycling of beverage containers.

27 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly lobby the Federal Minister and Shadow Minister to institute a National Water Registry, to monitor and report on all rainfall, surface and ground water storage, evaporation and capacity or movement, including flow rate and interstate or intervalley trade, extraction, unaccounted activity, licences and allocation in real-time, and inform the public in relation to foreign ownership of water assets and infrastructure.

28 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to create a National Water Ombudsman with Federal jurisdiction to inquire, arbitrate, enforce, impose punitive measures and oversee amendments to State water legislation.

29 Alexandrina Council, SA **Carried**

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Notes the importance of fit-for-purpose water availability for regional prosperity;
- 2) Calls on all levels of government to recommit to full and timely implementation of the Basin Plan; and
- 3) Calls for a formal role for local government in Basin Plan decision making via a permanent seat at the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.

30 Broken Hill City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly of Local Government 2018 call upon the Federal Government to strengthen the role of the Murray Darling Basin Authority with regard to enforcement of compliance regarding water retention and extraction limits to guarantee that agreed flows are allowed to pass downstream for the length of the Barwon/Darling river.

31 Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to replenish the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure sufficient funds are available to both assess the feasibility of projects and to deliver this critical water infrastructure.

32 Liverpool City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly advocates that Councils show commitment to energy efficiency, solar and other renewable technologies by:

- Seeking all available avenues of funding, including State and Federal governments, to reduce energy use across existing and future Council assets through the use of solar and other renewable energy sources;
- Ensuring all future development, consider, the impact on existing renewable energy production by ensuring any shadowing assessments take into account the impact on neighbouring building's solar panels; and
- Advocating robust renewable energy targets, along the lines of those in the ACT

33 Break O'Day Council, TAS **Carried**

That the National General Assembly lobby for the establishment of a national Natural Resource Management Program which is focussed on the delivery of on-ground land management activities which protect and restore the environment and result in improved environmental outcomes through greater community engagement and participation.

34 Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to ensure that in any reform of the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), the Australian Government will continue to fund up to 75% of the assistance available to individuals and communities and to not consider cost shifting to States and/or Local Governments.

35 Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to revise the NDRRA Guidelines to consider parks and recreational facilities as essential public assets for the purposes of Category B assistance.

36 North Burnett Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That this National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to maintain Water and Sewerage essential public infrastructure and recreational areas funding in the 2018 Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

37 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide funding to ensure that Local Government information technology is strong, secure, affordable and resilient.

37.1 City of Adelaide, SA **Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with the local government sector to develop and implement a National Information Security Management Framework.

38 Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly engage with the Federal Government to establish National Data Collection Standards to enable the more efficient and effective reporting of local government data and to ensure that comparisons can be made on the same data assumptions across all States and Local Governments.

38.1 City of Adelaide, SA **Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Local Government Association to coordinate with interested local government parties to develop a national information management framework, with a focus on harmonisation of standards and structure across the local government sector.

39 West Wimmera Shire Council, VIC **Carried**

- 1) That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Local Government Association to write to the Minister for Communications, to convey the ongoing discontent with telecommunications blackspots and erratic internet services in Rural Australia.
- 2) That the correspondence clearly state that the lack of telecommunications and internet service is acting as an inhibitor to economic development, growth in existing business, the provision of modern education programs and creates difficulties for emergency service management during emergency events.
- 3) That the Federal Government fund the closing of the telecommunications gap that exists between rural and urban residents.

39.1 Frankston City Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly expresses concern with the continued delay in the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN). Concern is to be raised regarding outstanding locations without NBN connection/coverage. Moreover, concern relating to the reliability of connected services – where substandard performance in some locations has been well documented – must also be expressed.

39.2 East Gippsland Shire Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Australian Government in respect to the importance of ensuring that all communities have timely access to effective mobile phone services and reiterate the importance of acting promptly on recommendations made by Infrastructure Australia and the Productivity Commission to:

- Review the current Mobile Black Spot Funding Program prior to announcing any further funding rounds;
- Revise the current Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation to reflect changes to the telecommunications needs of communities by creating a new baseline for universal access to mobile voice and data requirements; and
- Focus appropriate resources to ensure that a baseline of service can be provided in non-commercially viable areas and to special service users in regional and remote areas.

40 Macedon Ranges Shire Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly advocate the following:

- 1) That the Federal Government demand and require greater coordination in the planning and location of infrastructure required for NBN and telecommunications by requiring all carriers ensure that planned new infrastructure applications are supported by an integrated approach for black spot locations covering NBN and all telecommunications carriers.
- 2) That the Codes of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities be reviewed and updated reflecting advancement in technology, alternatives to towers and requiring that all carriers demonstrate the merit of any new tower proposal having regard to an integrated strategic placement and merited multi co-location ability for any new tower. Alternatives to towers should also be proposed in any new tower application.

41 North Burnett Regional Council, QLD

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That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth to develop a 3-5 year strategic and asset management plan to ensure the delivery of equitable TV services allowing Australian Local Governments to withdraw from being a self-help re-transmission of television services provider for rural, remote communities and small regional communities.

42 Manningham City Council, VIC

Carried

The National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to commit to action and resources to address the growing problem of housing affordability in Australia, impacting significantly on infrastructure and essential service provision. Specifically the NGA calls for:

- a) An economically sustainable approach under the National Affordable Housing Agreement to deliver significant assistance to states and territories to support people on low to moderate incomes with limited housing options to secure appropriate public/social housing or affordable housing.

- b) Research into new models for facilitating financing and investment of affordable housing development, including developer collaborations with industry and philanthropic organisations and use of government land to build local housing that is affordable, well-located, diverse and well designed;
- c) Working collaboratively with the States to develop a comprehensive, long term set of integrated policy measures to address housing affordability to align with migration and population changes.
- d) Additional funding or incentives to address severe shortage of affordable and appropriate housing options available to key workers including nurses, teachers and police across the States and Territories.

42.2 Latrobe City Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls upon all State Governments requesting relevant Ministers:

- Instructs the relevant Departments to cease relocating housing clients with complex and challenging needs (drug and alcohol addiction) from urban and metropolitan communities to rural and regional areas, in particular Latrobe City.
- Or immediately increases funding to rural and regional support sectors in the areas of family violence, mental health and drug and alcohol addiction services in recognition of the impact of ice on these communities.
- Coordinate a targeted community based approach to minimise the harmful effects of ice on rural and regional communities.
- Establish new initiatives to support and strengthen local communities at risk.

42.3 Mitchell Shire Council, VIC

Carried

That National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to lead a national discussion through the Coalition of Australian Government (COAG) to develop affordable housing standards that include measures for sustainability.

42.5 Victoria Daly Regional Council, NT

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to make provision for housing for councils in remote areas that:

- Are performing services such as aged care, child care, Centrelink , night patrol and sport and recreation which are funded by the Federal Government;
- Do not have access to social or private housing; and
- Are having to find funds to construct new housing and as well as pay for essential services infrastructure to connect to it to accommodate employees.

43 Hobsons Bay City Council, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government to require State and Territory Governments to include an inclusionary requirement for the delivery of affordable housing (including social housing) within residential developments.

44 Frankston City Council, VIC **Carried**

Given the establishment of the Federal Ministry for Cities and Built Environment in 2015, and the long absence of federal funding for urbanised and regional cities, the National General Assembly formally advocates for the availability of federal funds for urban and regional cities designated as ‘activity centres’.

45 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government through the Minister for Regional Development, that a decentralisation policy will assist regional and rural areas in terms of population growth, investment and job creation.

45.1 Gwydir Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to develop programs, that facilitate and encourage the relocation of both urban residents and newly arrived migrants to regional and rural areas, through constructive engagement with local authorities that creates investment outcomes that produce the increased potential for employment and economic prosperity in these communities.

46 Isaac Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to demonstrate commitment to and to fully implement Recommendation 2 of the 2013 Inquiry by the Commonwealth Government House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia titled “Cancer of the bush or salvation for our cities? Fly-in, fly-out and drive-in, drive-out workforce practices in Regional Australia” as follows: “The Committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government, in consultation with state and territory governments, review allocation of funding for communities that receive fly-in, fly-out/drive-in, drive-out workforces so that funding is based on both resident and service populations.”

47 Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly seek dialogue with the Commonwealth, States and Territories through COAG or another appropriate forum to explore the development of a national framework for addressing the emerging issue of native title compensation and the implications for all levels of government including:

- a) Local government implications in relation to compensation for “invalid future acts”;
- b) Any compensation flow through for “valid future acts”;
- c) The need to set off compensation liability against the price charged to local governments purchasing State/Territory land; and
- d) Local government involvement in alternative compensation settlement outcomes.

47.1 Gwydir Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly seek a review of the existing Federal Native Title provisions relating to the approval processes required regarding public infrastructure projects in order to develop a timely resolution process that does not unreasonably delay important projects.

48 Logan City Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to undertake extensive consultation with local governments, the community sector, medical experts and other relevant stakeholders prior to proposing further income management measures, such as drug testing and trials for cashless debit cards for welfare recipients.

49 Break O'Day Council, TAS **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call for a review of the national guidelines to AS1428 – Access for Design and Mobility relating to Disability Access in building design be undertaken to address the changing needs from powered wheelchair usage.

50 Darebin City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly seek funding from federal government to produce a report on the profile of Local Government similar to the existing “State of Public Service” report.

51 Frankston City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on Federal Parliament to hasten the release of aged care funding packages to eligible clients to enable them to access appropriate services for their complex needs.

52 Darebin City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Writes to the Prime Minister, leader of the opposition, leaders of minor parties and independent members of parliament requesting that bulk funding from the Commonwealth for aged care services be maintained for local councils that want to continue delivering quality aged and home care services to their vulnerable and ageing communities.
- 2) Advocates for an analysis of impact on the gender pay gap of the introduction of My Aged Care, and the shift in service delivery away from local government.

52.1 Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to engage with Local Government to collaboratively develop relevant models of aged care for rural and remote communities.

52.2 Boroondara City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide clear detail and timing of the next stage of the aged care reforms and their impact on local government Commonwealth Home Support Programme providers.

53 Wyndham City Council, VIC**Carried**

The NGA join with State and Territory Governments to call on the Federal Government to provide adequate and permanent funding to help educate our youngest children, especially their share of 15 hours of kindergarten.

54 Mitchell Shire Council, VIC**Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to increase funding into mental health services and supporting mental health infrastructure, to reduce the rising mental health issues in growth and rural areas.

55 Hay Shire Council, NSW**Carried**

That the National General Assembly call for the Federal Health Minister urgently to form a joint task force representing Local, State and Federal spheres of government, to formulate model financial packages for the engagement of doctors in rural towns, and contribute to those financial packages. In addition, call for the Federal Health Minister to ensure that safeguards are in place to prevent GP practices from appropriating patients' medical records and making a profit out of transferring them to incoming practitioners, and to advise councils on best practice legal agreements to secure the services needed and secure the patients' records.

56 Southern Downs Regional Council, QLD**Carried**

Southern Downs Regional Council is seeking to obtain equity in funding for regional local governments that experience high levels of seasonal workers that are not reflected in the ABS data, and as a result do not reflect the real pressures placed on community, economic and social infrastructure, Council request that consideration be given to the following:

- 1) The date of the Census, currently conducted in August every 5 years, in the future held in February to reflect the seasonal population; or
- 2) That a weighting be placed on regions that experience seasonal population changes that are not reflected in the Census data.
- 3) That any such weighting be reflected in the level of financial assistance grants provided to local government authorities.

57 Wingecarribee Shire Council, NSW**Carried**

- 1) That the National General Assembly call to advocate for inclusion of issues surrounding exploitation of children, women and animals as a consideration in Council's Procurement Policies.
- 2) That where goods and services are proven to have a negative social or environmental impact or exploits Indigenous Cultures, children, women or animals or negative social impact due to manufacture or production, that these be avoided.

58 Tenterfield Shire Council, NSW**Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to stop further bank closures in small rural towns, in particular those towns that only have one bank, and further Council calls on the Federal Government to establish a bank to fill in the gaps where banks have closed, especially in those small rural towns where bank customers have to travel great distances to another town to access banks.

59 Moonee Valley City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly advocates for change in local government bee management practices and encourages other Councils to commit to becoming bee-friendly states by:

- Investigating opportunities for Shared Services or consultancy between Councils to embed policies around bee management and advocacy; and
- Seeking funding through relevant Government Grants; and
- Providing food resources in the form of large floral plantings, reduce or cease pesticide use and preserve or provide nesting space.

60 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government, through the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and also the Minister for Regional Development, for appropriate funding for the National Transport Network and that a review of significant transport corridors in all States and Territories be undertaken.

60.1 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to officially recognise the Princes Highway as a Highway of National Importance as a major freight and tourist route.

61 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW **Carried**

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to support State and Territory freight and port plans, including Draft NSW Freight and Port Plan, to provide a broad framework proposed to deliver improved network efficiencies, capacity and sustainability for the network.

62 Tenterfield Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly ask the Federal Government to fund a feasibility study and a full and comprehensive ecological assessment undertaken to determine which of the streams along the Great Dividing Range are suitable for the generation of hydro electricity/pump hydro and if feasible, allocate funds in the next budget for this work.

63 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls for new National Codes of Accounting Practice for Councils and set standards to achieve auditable information as indicators for Infrastructure Assets.

64 Moreland City Council, VIC **Carried**

In light of the burden placed on local governments across Australia to respond to the needs and challenges of people living in poverty and homeless, that the National General Assembly calls on Federal Government to raise the Newstart Allowance to the level of the Henderson Poverty Line to increase the wellbeing and life chances of many in our community.

65 Griffith City Council, NSW **Carried**

The National General Assembly encourages all options be explored by Federal and State governments to put downward pressure on retail electricity and gas charges.

66 Hume City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly writes to the Australian Leisure and Hospitality Group (ALH Group) and Woolworths to determine:

- a) Whether it has engaged in the unconscionable conduct alleged in the House of Representatives on 28 February 2018 by Mr Andrew Wilkie MP,
- b) Whether it monitors and probes customers who use its Australian venues for personal information, and if so:
- c) Whether it compiles, stores and/or distributes the private personal information of these customers to other venues; and
- d) Referring to regular gamblers, whether it directs staff at its Australian venues to “be there as much as possible...do whatever you have to do to keep them in the room”.

67 Leeton Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly:

- 1) Requests the Federal Government to address the procedural and staffing issues affecting citizenship applications and process all applications from refugees within a reasonable time, as required by law.
- 2) Strongly urge the Federal Government to allocate sufficient resources to clear the existing backlog of citizenship applications.

68 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW **Carried**

That this National General Assembly requests both the Federal Government and Opposition immediately enact legislation banning all overseas political donations to individuals or parties and disclose, for public scrutiny, all such offers received from overseas agencies, or representatives thereof, along with the identity of such contact.

69 Darebin City Council, VIC **Carried**

That the Australian Local Government Association establishes a Multicultural Advisory Committee to provide strategic and policy advice to the ALGA Board on national immigration, settlement and multicultural issues that impacts on local governments across Australia.

70 Isaac Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That this National General Assembly acknowledges the passing of the Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act by the Queensland State Government in 2018 and calls on the Federal Government to bring the Commonwealth Government’s policies and laws in line with the Queensland State Government’s anti-discrimination laws.

71 North Burnett Regional Council, QLD**WITHDRAWN**

That this National General Assembly continue to lobby policy reform with State Government via COAG that local governments still suffer greatly from significant devolution of responsibilities from the state governments with little or no additional funding. Being the government closest to the people, it is becoming more and more difficult to provide sustainable services into the future and the constant population erosion from bush to city.

72 Wyndham City Council, VIC**Carried**

That National General Assembly notes previous NGA resolutions calling on the Federal Government to fund key Public Transport Projects. The NGA notes two key recent developments that add impetus to these NGA resolutions, namely:

- The release by Infrastructure Australia and other state-based infrastructure bodies' priorities, including public transport projects;
- Submissions to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities' Inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities.

NGA therefore write to the Prime Minister, Minister for Transport, Opposition Leader and relevant Ministers as well as the House of Representatives Standing Committee to reconfirm NGA resolutions that the Federal Government fund key Public Transport Projects, and highlight the increasingly unsustainable growth of Australia's cities and the lack of connections of rural regions and towns which could both be improved through significant Federal Government funding of public transport projects.

73 Penrith City Council, NSW**Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on ALGA to advocate for a change to the Australia Building Standards to increase the minimum height of balustrades.

74 Eurobodalla Shire Council, NSW**Lost**

That the National General Assembly call on all local governments 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.

75 Brisbane City Council, QLD**Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government, to ensure adequate and equitable funding for local government, to deliver and maintain transport infrastructure.

76 Hume City Council, VIC**Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal and State Governments to ensure adequate road infrastructure is provided to growth areas, particularly on our metropolitan fringes, to support Local Councils in the delivery of the duplication of growth area roads to ensure safe and timely passage of vehicles.

78 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW **Carried**

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to support the key objectives of Cycling and Walking Australia and New Zealand in the national interest to implement strategies and actions that will rapidly improve the conditions for, and the uptake of walking and cycling on transport and recreation networks across Australia and New Zealand.

79 City of Adelaide, SA **Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to explore alternative funding models to offset the lost income from the take-up of high-efficiency/non-combustible powered vehicles (electric, hydrogen).

80 Penrith City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to commit to co-design with state and local governments an urban reform agenda framed around the 9 findings and the 15 recommendations of Infrastructure Australia's Future Cities paper.

80.1 Mitchell Shire Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to increase funding for enabling infrastructure in growth areas, and recognise the need for infrastructure to be established in a timely manner to services for new communities to prevent the corresponding issues that occur as a result from lack of timely access. That this issue be placed on the COAG agenda given the need for all of Federal, State and local governments to work together.

81 Logan City Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to develop a transparent, competitive process and a set criteria for selecting future City Deals.

82 East Gippsland Shire Council, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to support initiatives by councils, working with local businesses and communities, to develop and implement local and regional Climate Change Adaptation Plans, thereby improving the sustainability and resilience of local communities and regions.

83 Blacktown City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls for the Commonwealth and State Governments to provide climate change funding to assist local government and communities to implement emission reduction projects.

84 Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly lobby for a national, unified and community-minded approach to the solution and management of Flying Foxes.

85 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to develop partnerships with Local Government recognizing Innovation and Digital Transformation – Smart Communities is a necessary next step for Local Government to achieve significant efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of services to communities.

86 City of Adelaide, SA **Carried**

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Local Government Association to investigate the benefits of developing a unified view of customers across the local government sector in order to support the transformation to Smart Cities.

87 Orange City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science develop a program with a suggested title of 'Smart Cities Partnership' to provide councils with expert advice and resources to support their development in line with the Government's Digital Economic Strategy.

88 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW **Carried**

That this National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide all government agencies with licence to reproduce copyright-protected material for the purpose of complying with state and federal statute, in accordance with Recommendation 15-4 of the Australian Law Reform Commission Report on 'Copyright and the Digital Economy'.

89 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call for a review of Regional Development Organisations to ensure geographical alignment with Local Government Joint Association or Regional Organisation boundaries.

90 Moreland City Council, VIC **Carried**

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

91 Randwick City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly request that ALGA write to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Bill Shorten, the Leader of The Australian Greens, Senator Richard Di Natale, the Minister for Women, the Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer, and the Minister for Social Services, the Hon. Dan Tehan, calling for the following measures to be taken to support women and children affected by domestic violence:

- A substantial increase in direct funding for specialist services and crisis accommodation providers;
- Funding for affordable long-term accommodation;
- A substantial increase in direct funding of legal services; and
- Transparent reporting of all spending on domestic and family violence programs.