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**2022**  
NATIONAL  
**GENERAL**  
ASSEMBLY  
19 - 22 JUNE 2022

**RESOLUTIONS**

1 City of Charles Sturt SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government and both major political parties to support a referendum on financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution.**

*Carried*

2 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Note, with disappointment, that local government remains unrepresented on the National Cabinet and requests that First Ministers review the decision to exclude local government from the national decision-making table;**
- 2. Recognise the importance of having local government representation on National Cabinet and the value of partnerships with councils in achieving the objectives of the National Cabinet and the national reform agenda; and**
- 3. Include a representative from the Australian Local Government Association on the National Cabinet, to ensure local government's interests are strongly represented at the national level.**

*Carried*

3 Canterbury Bankstown Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reverse its decision to remove the Local Government Ministerial portfolio, and the position be reinstated in its entirety.**

*Carried*

4 Gunnedah Shire Council NSW

***This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to conduct a review into the local government Financial Assistance Grant Act 1995 and the basis on which grant funding for roads is allocated, to create a more equitable approach to allocations and one that recognises the infrastructure managed by local government in the rural, regional and remote regions of Australia.***

*Carried*

5 Tweed Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to significantly increase the roads component to an acceptable percentage of the council's cost of maintaining the local road network.**

*Carried*

6 Northern Midlands Council TAS

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to investigate a nationwide database of benchmarking projects for local government, where information can be stored and shared among local government organisations.**

*Carried*

7 North Burnett Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide local government communities classified as rural or remote that have limited capacity to raise or increase own source revenue outside current rating streams to have access to federal grant funding with a co-contribution of 10% or less for capital works projects including planning/scoping of these works.**

*Carried*

8 Tenterfield Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide grant funding in advance to regional and rural councils and not in arrears so as to avoid impacting unfavourably on said council's cash flow.**

*Carried*

9 Tenterfield Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allow councils to use new grant funding opportunities for projects already contained within their operational plan that would have otherwise been funded from loans (currently they are excluded).**

*Carried*

10 Canterbury Bankstown Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the Roads to Recovery Program funding from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year and extend the program beyond 30 June 2024.**

*Carried*

11 Bulloo Shire Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) framework to ensure:**

- 1. Improved opportunities for local government engagement;**
- 2. Transparency in corridor selection and development of works packages; and**
- 3. Regular and timely reviews and reporting of outcomes to all stakeholders.**

*Carried*

12 Frankston City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reduce the community risks associated with motorised bikes (monkey bikes) in public places:**

- 1. Allocate appropriate resources to tackle and reduce the community risks associated with motorised bikes (monkey bikes) in public places except where they are specifically permitted in those public places;**
- 2. Implement clear legislation and appropriately equip state police to act and address monkey bikes in the community; and**
- 3. Facilitate a significant education campaign to highlight the rules around riding motorbikes in public places and the significant dangers and risks associated with riding dangerously and illegally.**

*Carried*

13 Brisbane City Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review how importation regulations are being enforced in regard to non-compliant personal mobility devices (PMDs) being imported and used in Australia, and to facilitate harmonisation of road rules as they apply to PMDs across Australia.**

*Carried*

14 Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to accelerate the planning and implementation of faster rail corridors to support regional growth.**

*Carried*

15 The Shire Yalgoo WA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with state and territories to immediately introduce legislation through the rail safety national law to improve safety lighting on trains and fund low-cost solar powered warning systems at passive level crossings.**

*Carried*

16 Berrigan Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate further funding to allow regional and rural councils to address upgrade requirements for aerodrome facilities to support linkages between these areas and larger domestic and international ports.**

*Carried*

17 Kingston City Council VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to commence a thorough review of the Airports Act 1996 and Airports Regulations 1996 and give specific consideration to:**

- 1. The mechanisms needed in the legislation to ensure that airport strategic planning actively prioritises the protection of Commonwealth land for aviation-related purposes.**
- 2. The legislation embeds obligations on the Airport Lessee Company to ensure that aviation related businesses are prioritised to ensure commercial transactions on Commonwealth land cannot undermine existing businesses or the needs of aviation for the life of the established airport lease period.**
- 3. The views held by state or local government with respect to the land use planning implications on airport land are given a much more elevated level of consideration in determinations on draft major development plans or draft airport masterplans.**
- 4. The establishment of independent expert review processes to aid the Commonwealth Minister in considering draft major development plans or draft airport masterplans.**
- 5. Undertake a thorough review of all functions under the Airports Act 1996 and Airports Regulations 1996 requiring the Airport Lessee Company to provide advice, assess or determine any matters relating to considerations regarding the safety of Airfields and/or Development which is proposed to occur on them.**

*Carried*

18 Brimbank City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a policy framework and a funding mechanism to ensure that local communities directly impacted by aircraft noise and other impacts of major airport operations receive adequate support from a national community offset package.**

*Carried*

19 Darebin City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to partner with state, territory, and local governments to:**

- 1. Invest in active and sustainable transport options, that can also stimulate emerging markets and low emission technologies;**
- 2. Position Australia as a leader in rapidly growing Electric Vehicle (EV) and transport markets by investing in local research and manufacturing opportunities and stimulating rapid uptake by users;**
- 3. Electrify the rail and bus networks;**

- 4. Support business to electrify freight transport;**
- 5. Provide infrastructure throughout local communities to transition to EVs and which leverage tourism opportunities;**
- 6. Implement policy settings to increase uptake of EVs; and**
- 7. Invest in infrastructure for walking and cycling.**

*Carried*

20 Livingstone Shire Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to fund a national rollout of electric vehicle charging stations for regional and remote local government areas.**

*Carried*

21 Yarra City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide greater national leadership to support the uptake of electric vehicles and market development across Australia by:**

- 1. Agreeing and supporting a nationally consistent approach to EV taxes, levies and charges that provide long-term confidence for industry and consumers;**
- 2. Implementing best-practice national vehicle emissions standards;**
- 3. Providing incentives to businesses and private owners to purchase electric vehicles; and**
- 4. Significantly increasing investment in the installation of electric vehicle charging stations across Australia.**

*Carried*

22 Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale WA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Classify telecommunications as an essential service;**
- 2. Establish clearly defined plans and accountabilities to address back-up power and resilience for telecommunications sites; and**
- 3. Invest \$80 million over four years in an expanded Mobile Network Hardening Program to markedly improve the resilience of Australia's telecommunications networks.**

*Carried*

23 Litchfield Council NT

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to release its response to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review and to implement its recommendations, to ensure that the digital divide between Australians living in regional, rural, and remote areas and those living in metropolitan communities is reduced.**

*Carried*

24 Campaspe Shire VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to amend the necessary legislation, regulations and/or contractual arrangements to ensure that both Telstra and NBN Co, their subsidiaries and contractors, cannot pass the cost of relocating their buried infrastructure on to local government if the publicly available 'as built' (or 'as laid') plans do not accurately record the location(s) of their assets.**

*Carried*

25 Mitchell Shire VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work in partnership with regional, rural, and interface councils to develop a holistic and integrated strategy to implement the Government's Regionalisation and Decentralisation Agenda.**

*Carried*

26 Moreland City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Progress City Deals to achieve its Smart Cities Plan, to initiate a similar process to establish Regional Deals to drive national priorities tailored to local needs, develop plans for growth, and commit to the actions, investments, reforms, and governance required;**
- 2. Continue to support development and signing of City Deals across the nation, including to sign the north and west Melbourne City Deal to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to expand the Western Sydney City Deal to include Blacktown City Council; and**
- 3. Unlock employment and economic development opportunities for the region that is**



home to 1 in 12 Australians, help create 300,000 new jobs and reboot business, boost social and economic inclusion, and leverage the regions' existing strengths in health, food production, manufacturing, and logistics.

*Carried*

27 Mitchell Shire VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop a new growth areas portfolio which will be responsible for developing and implementing a national response to the challenges and inequities faced by growth-area communities.**

*Carried*

28 Melbourne City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a new dedicated fund that councils can access to enable their municipal communities' transition to renewable energy, through deployment of community-scale energy storage systems.**

*Carried*

29 Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to encourage and support councils to play a direct role in the adoption of hydrogen from renewable power sources and contribute to the development of domestic hydrogen capabilities.**

*Carried*

30 Moorabool Shire VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to deliver better, more sustainable outcomes for the environment and local communities being affected by the delivery of new renewable energy infrastructure by developing a national policy for conducting and integrating community engagement findings when planning for and delivering renewable energy high-voltage transmission infrastructure projects.**

*Carried*

31 Town of Gawler SA

**That this National General Assembly, building on the 2021 National General Assembly resolution and progress to date towards clear and transparent rules for renewable electricity, calls for formal engagement with the Federal Government and Department of Industry, Science Resources and Energy to accelerate reforms for nationally legislated market-based greenhouse accounting and rules for renewable electricity and carbon offsets to be established in Australia.**

*Carried*

32 Whitsunday Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to host a national affordable housing summit to identify the regional, state, and national issues to be addressed to deliver housing solutions to communities through local, state, and federal government in a whole-of-government response to be tailored for respective community needs.**

*Carried*

33 City of Mount Gambier SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Fund further national housing research, specific to understanding housing affordability, housing supply and demand, and housing accessibility across rural and regional Australia;**
- 2. Develop and implement a collaborative program, involving all levels of government, to address housing concerns in rural and regional Australia; and**
- 3. Commit to implementing a funding stream, specific to rural and regional local governments, allowing them to undertake LGA-specific housing research; and to prepare and implement LGA-specific housing plans (aligning to the relevant State Housing and Homelessness Strategies prepared under the NHHA).**

*Carried*

34 North Sydney Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a Royal Commission into housing affordability.**

**That the terms of reference include consideration of the impacts of historical low housing affordability on productivity, intergenerational equity, public health including mental health, educational opportunities and equity.**

*Lost*

35 Western Downs Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to collaborate with state and local government areas to develop a strategy to build regional allied health precincts. These precincts would provide currently unavailable specialist services and provide outreach services to smaller rural communities, whilst assisting in the development of a local workforce. This strategy should include an action plan with aligned funding.**

*Carried*

36 Parkes Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Provide for Australians to age within their communities (particularly small communities) by further funding existing aged care facilities and the Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) program and/or upgrading existing hospitals that fulfil the role of caring for aging Australians;**
- 2. Better define the responsibilities of the various agencies so there is no doubt who is responsible for the various services; and**
- 3. Work with state governments on a new approach that fundamentally addresses the widening gap between those living in regional Australia versus those living in metropolitan areas.**

*Carried*

37 Central Highlands Regional Council

**The National General Assembly calls on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to work with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) to safeguard the ability of the RFDS to make use of Australia's road system as landing areas.**

*Carried*

38 North Sydney Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently establish a working group with the Federal Government to deliver local, affordable childcare in local communities, fully funded by the Federal Government and delivered on the ground by local government.**

*Carried*

39 Isaac Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ensure federal funding and federal programs for mental health and related services are fit for purpose place-based models in small and medium-sized regional, rural, and remote areas of Australia.**

*Carried*

40 Maribyrnong City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Establish a dedicated and ongoing Community Resilience and Fairness Response Package to ensure our most vulnerable community members are protected from the worst of the impacts of a prolonged pandemic, particularly the youth;**
- 2. Increase funding for mental health support services, local learning and job preparation programs, and initiatives designed to reduce unemployment; and**
- 3. Invest in and grow local manufacturing.**

*Carried*

41 Roper Gulf Regional Council NT

**This National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to acknowledge the lack of services and infrastructure in Indigenous communities and the need to address the lack of:**

- 1) Regional Health access to aged care, primary, specialist, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme**
- (2) Affordable Housing and Land availability**
- (3) Child Care access and affordability**
- (4) Skill shortage in regional areas**
- (5) Local skills and capability development**
- (6) Education system -School leavers not job-ready for local jobs as required and available locally; and**
- (7) Lack of coordinated governance across all tiers of government in regional areas.**

*Carried*

42 Balonne Shire Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review current governance arrangements and commit appropriate levels of funding to provide improved operational and maintenance support to the owners of flood-warning infrastructure in order to minimise the impacts of natural disasters.**

*Carried*

43 Newcastle City Council NSW

**1 This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with ALGA and state and territory governments to urgently develop an additional, apolitical funding stream which provides local governments with the resources needed to mitigate the current and longer-term impacts of extreme weather events on local physical and social infrastructure.**

**2 Recognises the significant influence of climate change in natural disasters, and reaffirms its support of Australia's commitment to the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees.**

*Carried*

44 Shoalhaven City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a permanent Disaster Levy as an income tax levy, to establish a funding base to empower local government to support our communities with resilience and disaster recovery.**

*Lost*

45 City of Whyalla SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to introduce across all levels of government, departments and government agencies, a consistent hierarchy and classification of population places.**

*Carried*

46 East Gippsland Shire VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to expand the scope, reduce the evidence required, implement fairer, and more consistent, processes between states for seeking funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.**

*Carried*

47 Forbes Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government and Insurance Council of Australia to lobby for property insurance policies to retain a compulsory nominated amount to ensure the satisfactory demolition of the structure to better protect the public from ongoing derelict sites.**

*Carried*

48 Shire of Morawa WA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government:**

**1. To request that all state and territory governments fully implement recommendations 11.1 and 11.2 of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and provide further resources and assistance to local governments to increase their capacity and capability to effectively discharge the considerable emergency management**

responsibilities devolved to them.

**2. To provide leadership and coordination to state and territory governments in responding to recommendations 11.1 and 11.2 of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disasters.**

*Carried*

49 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address the economic hardship people in rural and regional areas are experiencing due to the unique combined impacts of COVID-19, unprecedented bushfires, long-running drought and/or flooding by providing additional support for recovery. This relief would include:**

- 1. Initiatives targeting the tourism and creative industries;**
- 2. An evaluation of and response to the youth and gender impacts of COVID-19;**
- 3. Initiatives that will boost jobs and long-term community resilience to climate; and**
- 4. Restoration of funding for local government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1 percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.**

*Carried*

50 City of Stirling WA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Work with state and territory governments to develop a sustainable, equitable and efficient national funding model for the implementation of coastal hazard management actions to mitigate coastal erosion and inundation; and**
- 2. Charge the Productivity Commission with undertaking an investigation into an appropriate funding framework that shares the cost of coastal hazard management appropriately among all levels of government and the community.**

*Carried*

51 Canterbury Bankstown Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to align with the NSW Government and resilient Sydney member councils' plans for reducing the impacts of climate change and provide an economic framework to drive achievable targets for carbon reduction by no later than 2050.**

*Lost*

52 Gunnedah Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to remove restrictions preventing the development of nuclear energy as a viable option in the production of base-load electricity following the decommissioning of coal-fired power stations throughout Australia.**

*Lost*

53 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Formally recognise we are in a state of climate emergency;**
- 2. Appoint a minister for climate change/emergency to champion climate change efforts across the country;**
- 3. Establish a national climate change taskforce to enable a whole-of-government approach to climate action; and**
- 4. Commit to actively work with local government, industry, and communities to:**
  - a) reduce waste production;**
  - b) put in place interim targets and steep emissions reduction during this decade as part of the net zero commitment, and in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 percent as agreed to at the United National Climate Conference, COP26 Glasgow**
  - c) support the development of renewable energy industries;**
  - d) provide incentives to all sectors to change to more efficient technologies;**
  - e) significantly increase urban vegetation cover and rehabilitate degraded rural environments;**
  - f) increase support for households to access energy efficient demands;**
  - g) adopt a partnership approach with local government to identify and invest in local**



climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, including through the creation of a new \$200 million Local Government Climate Change Response Fund; and

h) provide funding for a new Climate Change Disaster Fund, funded to a level equivalent to 10 percent of council operational budgets, to increase resilience of Australian local governments and their communities to the impacts of climate change.

*Carried*

54 Yarra City VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Acknowledge and endorse ALGA's call for a Local Government Climate Response Partnership fund of \$200 million per annum over four years to help councils address the impacts of climate change in their communities;
2. Acknowledge that such a fund would create the multi-level governance called for in the Paris Agreement of 2015;
3. Note that significant funds and support for local government will be needed to prevent the worst impacts of climate change on local communities and so call on the Federal Government to create a local government climate response partnership fund, of at least \$200 million per annum, and work with local governments on existing and emerging local and regional projects to rapidly drive down emissions before 2030.
4. Put in place a climate action regulatory reform working group to remove regulatory, policy and other barriers to climate action for local governments and communities and ensure policy coherence and synchronisation at all levels of government and with relevant industry stakeholders.

*Carried*

55 East Arnhem Regional Council NT

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ensure collaboration of all levels of Government, including partnerships, policy and program development and implementation responsible for issues affecting Indigenous Australians. In addition, the National General Assembly reaffirms its commitment as a national priority to call on the federal, state and territory governments to commit to and progress nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous local government councils – where First Nations people are a majority presence on council and among electors – as Aboriginal Community Controlled local governments across Australia at all levels of government. The motion continues a shared value and commitment of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) that aligns with the Closing the Gap Agreement, policy development,

**principles and practices of indigenous procurement and implementation affecting Indigenous Australians, Indigenous communities, and Indigenous Local Government Councils.**

*Carried*

56 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to continue to demonstrate strong leadership in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples by supporting a constitutionally enshrined voice to Parliament for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart.**

**Request that the Australian Local Government Association work with the Uluru Statement from the Heart's campaign to develop a resource kit for councils seeking to host public forums to inform their communities about the proposed referendum.**

*Carried*

57 Central Desert Regional Council NT

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate additional/continued funding towards remote community housing in the Northern Territory to address housing inequity and overcrowding.**

*Carried*

Special urgent business submitted by the City of Wagga Wagga (NSW)

**That the Australian Local Government Association makes representations to the Commonwealth Government with the aim of securing the following outcomes:**

- 1. Confirm the support of local government authorities for the Inland Rail project.**
- 2. Inform the Commonwealth Government of the concerns of local government authorities in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria about impacts of the project on the liveability of towns and cities and that these concerns are dismissed as being outside the scope of the Inland Rail project.**
- 3. Inform the Commonwealth Government of the concerns of local government authorities in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria about a lack of meaningful consultation between entities engaged to deliver the project planning**

and those local government authorities.

4. Request that the Commonwealth Government create a dedicated forum for local government authorities in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria to raise the impacts of the Inland Rail project on the current and future liveability of towns and cities in relation to issues which are currently dismissed as outside the scope of Inland Rail the project.
5. That the Commonwealth Government commit to developing and delivering the actions required to remove or mitigate the degradation of liveability in towns and cities along the route of the Inland Rail at agreed milestones.

*Carried*

Special urgent business submitted by the ALGA Board

We the delegates of the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and its legitimate elected democratic governments in seeking peace, security, and stability within the State of Ukraine.

*Carried*

**The Assembly resolved that the following motions would be referred to the ALGA Board for consideration. Submitting councils will be advised of the outcome of their motion following the ALGA Board's July 2022 meeting.**

**Motion number 58 Darebin City VIC**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Continue advancing all co-design efforts to establish a National Indigenous Voice on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities;**
- 2. Partner with the local government sector, through ALGA's national agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership, to help facilitate outcomes across the agreed Closing the Gap priority reform targets, including around education, employment, health, and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Communities; and**
- 3. Formally partner with ALGA and the local government sector, including through the establishment of an ongoing advisory or representative voice for local government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to guide the broad work relating to First Nations peoples, truth-telling sovereignty, and treaty-making.**

Motion number 59 Stonnington City VIC and Darebin City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Increase investment to support Australia's transition to a circular economy in order to reduce waste, improve the recovery of precious resources, and create new jobs;**
- 2. Turn off the 'tap' of waste by requiring and creating incentives for higher use of recycled materials and by phasing out problematic and unnecessary waste;**
- 3. Expand the product stewardship schemes and introduce a new materials levy to drive industry change;**
- 4. Ban the import and production of hard-to-recycle materials (except for essential needs such as some medical uses);**
- 5. Co-invest in new major regional waste facilities to help attract and build new markets;**
- 6. Prioritise job creation and industry transition through the circular economy as part of COVID-19 recovery efforts;**
- 7. Fund technology and research that leads to an advanced domestic circular economy sector and positions Australia as a leading expert in this new economic sector; and**
- 8. Partner with local government to help guide and inform federal policy and investment decisions around supporting circular economy, recycling, product packaging, and waste reform opportunities.**

Motion number 59.1 North Sydney Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently step in to address the structural issues with waste and recycling as a result of the China Sword policy in order to promote and delivered a circular and sustainable waste practices.**

Motion number 59.2 Mitchell Shire VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support the establishment of recycling and reprocessing markets in Australia to support a true local circular economy where products and materials are kept in use throughout their product lifecycle and reuse of our precious resources is prioritised by building a demand and market for locally reusable and recycled products.**

Motion number 59.3 Tamworth Regional Council NSW

**That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Federal Government to**

**consider additional funding programs to support the construction and on-going running costs associated with the Australian Government’s commitment to reduce food being landfilled through the National Waste Policy, and the associated national Waste Policy Action Plan (2019).**

Motion number 60 City of Darwin NT

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to direct and support investment in the development of small-scale waste management technologies, systems, and solutions specific to the needs of regional and remote communities, as an adjunct to existing efforts that rely on private industry participation leveraging the waste streams of large-scale population bases.**

Motion number 60.1 Shoalhaven City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to streamline process and directly allocate funding for circular economy projects that will allow councils to manage localised remanufacturing proposals and implement discounted buyback schemes for recycled products.**

Motion number 60.2 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide dedicated funding to support regional local governments to undertake targeted feasibility studies and business cases to explore existing and new opportunities to partner in and support the creation of a circular economy and create localised resource recovery practices.**

Motion number 60.3 Central Desert Regional Council NT

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate funds towards water and waste recycling initiatives in remote communities.**

Motion number 60.4 Tweed Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to advocate for the continued development of national recycling initiatives.**

Motion number 61 Randwick City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Establish a program to fund and support councils to transition their communities to a zero-waste circular economy, in which there is no place for incinerators (including waste to energy incinerators) or the incineration of medical waste; and**
- 2. Remove incinerators from the Australian Renewable Energy Target and remove native forest biomass as a renewable component of bioenergy/fuel and its eligibility for subsidy.**

Motion number 61.1 Inner West Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to say Yes to the Circular Economy and No to Incinerators.**

Motion number 62 Town of Bassendean WA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to change the Australian Packaging Covenant to a mandatory product stewardship scheme, constituted under the Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020.**

Motion number 62.1 City of Unley SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian, state and territory governments to jointly undertake an investigation of the adequacy of the current policy on packaging and product recycling information and to consider establishing a consistent national approach that mandates the provision of information and advice by all manufacturers or wholesalers/retailers regarding the relevant recycling stream for all packaging as well as products produced or sold in Australia.**

Motion number 62.2 Yarra City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide national leadership to grow the circular economy and reduce levels of household and commercial waste by:**

- 1. Implementing a national ban on food waste going into landfill;**
- 2. Implementing stricter national sustainable packaging standards and a product**

stewardship scheme; and

**3. Providing increased funding to industry and local government to support local processing solutions, sector innovation and market development.**

Motion number 62.3 City of Mount Gambier SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a fund of \$100 million per annum, over four years, to support local government circular waste innovation projects.**

**A significant portion of the fund should be dedicated to supporting projects in regional areas. Due to resourcing constraints in regional areas, any grants provided through the program should not require matched funding.**

Motion number 63 Gladstone Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to amend the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) to reduce barriers to local government jointly tendering for recyclables processing and innovative resource recovery services by exploring options to amend:**

- 1. Sections 2BA or 2C to reduce the application of part IV for example, by removing recyclables processing or innovative resource recovery services, for which tenders are sought, from the definition of 'business'; or**
- 2. Section 51 of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) to introduce exceptions to part IV in circumstances where local governments:**
  - a. undertake joint tendering exercises for recyclables processing and/or innovative resource recovery services**
  - b. hold collaborative forums to discuss waste diversion, resource recovery and recyclables processing procurement strategy and initiatives.**

Motion number 64 Forbes Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement a rebate system of 40 cents per litre for the use of S45R crumbed rubber bitumen in asphalt, construction seals and reseals.**

Motion number 65 Blacktown City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to remove the GST paid on sustainable and reusable alternatives to disposable and single-use products.**

Motion number 66 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to double the \$3.5 billion National Water Grid Fund towards the construction of new and augmented water infrastructure projects across regional Australia and provides annual competitive funding rounds for the acceptance of funding applications.**

Motion number 66.1 Western Downs Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to deliver a long-term, bulk water source for regional communities to enable economic development opportunities, including hydrogen and agriculture.**

Motion number 67 Gunnedah Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to commence a mature and informed discussion, inclusive of all relevant Commonwealth guidelines, on the use of wastewater for specific purposes other than parks and gardens and including road maintenance undertaken by local government.**

Motion number 68 Wyndham City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide additional funding for tree planting to:**

- 1. Increase tree canopy cover;**
- 2. Reduce the impacts of a changing climate; and**
- 3. Improve biodiversity and create habitat for native fauna.**



**Motion number 69 North Sydney Council NSW**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address, protect and increase tree canopy, particularly urban tree canopy and forest, to minimise the impacts of climate change and to protect biodiversity and habitat.**

**Motion number 70 Redland City Council QLD**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide increased funding to support on-the-ground council activities aimed at protecting our local koala population, including:**

- 1. The development of the Koala Watch app to a commercially viable standard enabling delivery of eco-tourism, citizen science and conservation benefits; and**
- 2. Supporting efforts (financially and via policy and legislative alignment) to combat disease and increase the understanding of koala population dynamics.**

**Motion number 71 Bayside City VIC**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to recognise the harmful impacts of second-generation rodenticides, prohibit their use in Australia, and promote alternative methods of rodent management.**

**Motion number 72 Bayside City VIC**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop wildlife-friendly lighting standards.**

**Motion number 73 South Burnett Regional Council QLD**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to partner with local governments to fund the establishment of regional biosecurity report cards designed to measure the extent and success of management programs that target new, emerging and established invasive species.**

Motion number 74 Maribyrnong City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to take a broader view in respect of economic recovery and growth to reduce the reliance on infrastructure and construction to drive job creation and economic recovery post-COVID.**

**This should include increased investment in skills and training, health, arts and agriculture, environmental restoration, supply chain improvements, and initiatives that further diversify the economy and improve Australia's self-sufficiency.**

Motion number 75 Darebin City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Develop a national cultural plan to support the short, medium, and long-term needs of the creative and cultural sectors;**
- 2. Partner with local government to develop a creative sector federal investment strategy that directly invests in local creative and cultural industries as part of immediate COVID-19 recovery efforts;**
- 3. Expand eligibility and scale of existing federal government creative COVID-19 support programs, including the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund, to continue providing increased support for more local artists, festivals, concerts, tours, exhibitions, visual, digital, creative, and cultural organisations;**
- 4. Expand representation of the Federal Government's COVID-19 Creative Economy Taskforce, by providing a seat at the table and representation for the local government sector;**
- 5. Prioritise new COVID-19 creative sector support investment towards sustaining and helping our most vulnerable artistic and cultural community cohorts, including Aboriginal, multicultural, the newly arrived, women and young creatives; and**
- 6. Ensure local government is directly provided with a fair and equitable share of new funding and resources to supporting local and regional creative activities, festivals, events, and organisations.**

Motion number 76 Wyndham City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase needs-based funding for the construction of and upgrades to community, arts and culture and sports infrastructure.**

Motion number 77 Melton City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide increased funding for cultural and sporting infrastructure in line with projected growth and greatest need.**

Motion number 78 Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to create a dedicated funding stream to support councils to facilitate events at a community level to stimulate post-COVID economic recovery for businesses and individuals working in the tourism, hospitality, arts, and entertainment industries.**

Motion number 79 Darebin City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Recognise the unprecedented impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had in compounding Australia's workforce shortages, particularly in the hospitality and agriculture sectors;**
- 2. Acknowledge the role that prolonged international and interstate border closures have had in compounding workforce shortages across the agriculture and hospitality industries which are generally highly dependent on backpackers, overseas students, and migrant workers;**
- 3. Respond to the changing nature of work across Australia as a result of the COVID19 pandemic, and the opportunities associated with working from home and the changing nature of workforce expectations amongst Australian workers;**
- 4. Invest in skills, training, and pathway opportunities to support more vulnerable community cohorts, including as a priority, socio-economic disadvantaged cohorts, longer-term unemployed and asylum-seekers, refugees to be connected to employment pathways across sectors experiencing genuine skills shortages;**
- 5. In reopening Australia's borders, prioritise opportunities to strategically increase Australia's humanitarian intake, particularly in the context of growing global tensions and displacement, to support more asylum seekers and refugees find a safe place to live, raise a family, and work; and**
- 6. Establish a national COVID-19 migration workforce and skills recovery taskforce, which is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all of these opportunities, and which provides ALGA and the local government sector with a seat at the table.**

Motion number 80 Shoalhaven City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address the need for recovery and skills shortages across the country by creating a national vocational training strategy and associated funding to increase the number of individuals participating in training across the country.**

Motion number 81 Berrigan Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian and state governments to work with local councils to assist with the identification of existing skills and the types of on-the-job training in local government that might meet micro-credentialing requirements and assist local councils to take up these options at the leading edge.

Motion number 82 Western Downs Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to create incentives to attract and train qualified childcare staff.**

Motion number 83 Murray River Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian and relevant state governments to immediately relax the cross-border accreditation requirements for building surveyors to operate nationally under the Australian Building Code. Further to this, that the Federal Government introduces a rural/regional specific accreditation to ease the burden on regional councils.**

Motion number 84 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Note that in some jurisdictions, councillors, mayors and lord mayors are not automatically entitled to the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution, despite Councillors being paid the appropriate superannuation entitlements in other jurisdictions;**
- 2. Note that in some jurisdictions, councillors, mayors and lord mayors have the option of 'opting-in' to receive the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution only following the successful passing of a motion requiring same, allowing the issue to be politicised in council meetings;**
- 3. Note that this sets a poor community standard and sends the wrong message to the**

**community given that superannuation should be a universal mandatory system to support all workers in Australia; and**

**4. Rationalise the superannuation system for elected representatives from the local government level and mandate that all councillors across Australia automatically receive the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution.**

Motion number 85 Brimbank City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Establish a dedicated and ongoing community resilience and fairness response package to ensure our most vulnerable community members are protected from the worst of the impacts of a prolonged pandemic, particularly the youth;**
- 2. Increase funding for local learning and job preparation programs and initiatives designed to reduce unemployment; and**
- 3. Reinvigorate, invest in, and grow local manufacturing.**

Motion number 86 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support rural and regional communities with increased funding and facilities to meet the growing needs of youth with mental health issues, including early intervention programs and ensuring equity of access to services.**

Motion number 87 Cumberland Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Create a local youth jobs program at the local government level;**
- 2. Establish a youth employment facilitator in each local government area;**
- 3. Provide a local youth employment recovery fund for each local government area; and**
- 4. Provide incentives for local employers to deliver well paid, meaningful, secure work for local youth.**

Motion number 88 Moreland City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Acknowledge the harm that gambling does across the country, the role that local government has in managing the impact of gambling harm on local communities and take**

practical action to minimise gambling harm;

**2. Ban all forms of gambling advertisements on broadcast and online platforms during live sports events;**

**3. Establish and implement a national fund to invest in local community-based responses to gambling harm such as the successful Libraries After Dark program in Victoria; and**

**4. Establish a national community divestment fund to assist local sporting clubs and community groups to transition away from electronic gambling machines as an income stream.**

Motion number 89 Darebin City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

**1. Permanently increase JobSeeker Payments to at least \$69 a day;**

**2. Support increases to the minimum wage in line with the cost of living;**

**3. Ensure that increases to JobSeeker and the minimum wage do not come at the expense of other vital supports provided to people experiencing disadvantage and hardship; and**

**4. Partner with local governments to facilitate these measures, and to identify and invest in targeted measures that address and respond to socio-economic disadvantage and inequality across Australian communities.**

Motion number 89.1 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

**1. Note that the severe economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been cushioned by Commonwealth, state, and local policy interventions, including the JobSeeker and JobKeeper payments;**

**2. Note that prior to the \$550 per fortnight increase in the JobSeeker payment in April 2020, the JobSeeker/NewStart rate had not been increased in real terms in 26 years.**

**3. Note that in February 2021, the Commonwealth increased the JobSeeker rate by just \$50 a fortnight, to \$307 per week for a single adult, still well below the poverty line in Australia, and also coinciding with the end of the \$75 per week coronavirus supplement, which will leave recipients \$50 a week worse off than they currently are; and**

**4. Call on the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Commonwealth Parliament to permanently raise the rate of JobSeeker by between \$185 per week and \$275 per week.**

Motion number 90 City of Charles Sturt SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to advocate that both major political parties expand the scope of the National Disability Insurance Scheme**

**(NDIS) to enable local governments to receive Commonwealth contributory funding. This funding would contribute to community facilities and assets in support of NDIS eligible recipients, and other community members who may benefit from them. For example, improved accessibility of recreational facilities and other infrastructure assets.**

Motion number 90.1 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government for a continuation of funding for rural communities in addition to the identified funded programs under the National Disability Insurance Schemes.**

Motion number 91 City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

- 1. Reaffirm its commitment to the National Strategy for Volunteering, and the ongoing monitoring of volunteer work through the Australian Bureau of Statistics; and**
- 2. Provide adequate funding to volunteer agencies, including local government, to support actions that increase volunteer participation and adapt volunteering programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Motion number 92 Gunnedah Shire Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to delay any cut or suspension of the current fuel excise tax arrangements until such time as a genuine reform package can be legislated to replace the tax with a mechanism which distributes this vital road maintenance funding across all road users regardless of fuel type.**

Motion number 93 Brighton Council TAS

**THIS MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF BRIGHTON COUNCIL.**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to remove/exempt Fringe Benefits Tax on electric or zero emission vehicles where use is restricted to travel between home and work.**

Motion number 94 Broken Hill City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to create a regional tax incentive to equalise the current remote area Fringe Benefit Tax concessions from 50 percent to 100 percent to enable all employees residing in regional and remote communities across Australia access to the same allowances as their employers.**

**The tax incentive will assist to drive regional relocation, to smooth out the volatility of housing prices with the aim to address the regional housing affordability crisis across Australia commencing with the six Australian Mining City Alliance (AMCA) councils as a test scenario.**

Motion number 95 Inner West Council NSW

**That this National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to change the taxation code to eliminate incentives that reward activities and purchases that are worse for public health, are more expensive for households, result in worse domestic energy security, and worsen climate change.**

**The Assembly calls on the Federal Government to change the taxation code to address this, including:**

- 1. Support residential and commercial landlords to improve the health, comfort, and energy security of their tenants by changing the status of energy-efficient, water-efficient, and renewable appliances and structures so that they qualify for accelerated depreciation or extension of the Temporary Full Expensing Measures for Landlords for a period through to 2030;**
- 2. Amend the taxation system such that when a landlord replaces an appliance that has poor air quality outcomes with a cleaner system (e.g., gas cooktop with induction cooktop, or a gas heater versus reverse cycle air conditioner), this is also captured through the Temporary Full Expensing Measures for Landlords rather than a capital expense that is to be depreciated over its effective useful life;**
- 3. Increase the effective useful lives for those appliances that actively contribute to poor indoor air quality and worsened health outcomes such that the depreciation claim will be smaller in each year;**
- 4. Factoring in the weight and energy source of a vehicle when deciding the allowable depreciation, in recognition that the damage done to roads is proportional to the fourth power of the weight, and thus increases rapidly for heavier vehicles (using a different scale for electric vehicles);**
- 5. In order to improve public health due to air pollution and lack of physical activity, phase in changes to the way that motor vehicle expenses can be deducted to encourage the uptake of bicycles, e-bikes, and electric cargo**



bikes for commuting and business purposes, and in those cases where cars or other motor vehicles are required, make changes to ensure that electric vehicles are favoured over petrol and diesel vehicles; and

6. Call on the Federal Government to make these amendments to the relevant tax legislation to give effect to these measures as soon as possible.

Motion number 96 City of Holdfast Bay SA

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian, state, and local government associations to investigate and, where feasible, work with willing councils to trial innovative public governance models (including liquid democracy) to strengthen the connectivity and relevance of the local government sector into the future.**

Motion number 97 Livingstone Shire Council QLD

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to write to each state Premier, requesting that future COVID mandates that are likely to have negative impacts on local businesses and unvaccinated members of our communities be discussed with the ALGA Executive prior to introduction.**

Motion number 98 Borough of Queenscliffe VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to adopt a unified approach to transitioning refugees on Temporary Protection Visas or Safe Haven Enterprise Visas to Permanent Protection Visas as quickly as possible.**

Motion number 99 Newcastle City Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

1. Note that the 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons is the first treaty to comprehensively outlaw nuclear weapons and provide a pathway for their elimination. This Treaty entered into force on 22 January 2021 and all national governments have been invited to sign and ratify the treaty;
2. Note that the Treaty entering into force is an important milestone on the path to a nuclear weapon-free world. It makes concrete the standard that nuclear weapons are illegal and illegitimate for all states, and a permanent part of international law; and

**3. Welcome the entry into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons on 22 January 2021, and sign and ratify the treaty.**

Motion number 100 Murray River Council NSW

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to collaborate with local government to remove impediments within the National Construction Code Series (BCA) and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing, and the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing.**

Motion number 101 Frankston City VIC

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government for funding support to help develop international municipal relationships such as sister cities.**

Motion number 102 Break O'Day Council TAS

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government for a change in date for Australia Day.**

Motion number 103 Greater Dandenong City VIC

**Greater Dandenong City Council, as joint mover with Brimbank City Council, Darebin City Council, Monash City Council, Moreland City Council and Yarra City Council, moves that this National General Assembly:**

- 1. acknowledges the Federal Government's swift and appropriate response to the Ukrainian crisis in taking refugees over the annual humanitarian visa program quota, to be settled in local government areas;**
- 2. acknowledges the contrasting Federal Government response to the recent crisis in Afghanistan, where Afghan refugees will be allocated spots within the existing annual humanitarian visa program, over a four-year period;**

**In addition, Greater Dandenong City Council as secretariat of the local government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum on behalf of the following Councils that are members:**

**a. Executive Members' Brimbank City Council, Casey City Council, Darebin City Council, Hobsons Bay City Council, Hume City Council, Kingston City Council, Monash City Council, Moreland City Council, Yarra City Council;**

**b. General Members' Ballarat City Council, Banyule City Council, Bendigo City Council, Blue Mountains City Council, Canterbury Bankstown City Council, Cardinia Shire Council, Hawkesbury City Council, Inner West City Council, Leeton Shire Council, Maribyrnong City Council, Melbourne City Council, Moonee Valley City Council, Nillumbik Shire Council, Port Phillip City Council, Randwick City Council, Wagga City Council, Whittlesea City Council, Wyndham City Council; and**

**c. Supporter Councils' Bass Coast Shire Council, Greater Geelong City Council, Hobart City Council, Launceston City Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Maroondah City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Borough of Queenscliffe, Wellington Shire Council, and Whitehorse City Council;**

**Calls for a consistent approach from the Federal Government to taking humanitarian refugees from active conflict zones.**

#### **Motion number 104 Greater Dandenong City VIC**

**This National General Assembly:**

**1. Acknowledges and informs the Federal Government that the limited amount of support provided by the Federal Government to people seeking asylum who are awaiting their status determination is resulting in increased costs for local governments across Australia; and**

**2. Calls on the Federal Government to:**

**a. appropriately fund the Department of Immigration so that asylum applications and appeals can be urgently addressed through a single Refugee Status Determination process and an independent and fair merits review;**

**b. allow all such people to access without delay or condition, Australia's Centrelink services and Medicare benefits; and**

**c. provide TPV holders with a pathway to permanency.**

**(Ref: Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum (2022), <https://bit.ly/3vyLu8x> )**

**Motion number 105 Bathurst Regional Council NSW**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to recognise the fact of frontier wars which occurred between First Australians and British forces during the colonisation of Australia.**

**Motion number 106 Parkes Shire Council NSW**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:**

**Provide strong structured VET support programs for training next generation workforce that will support the renaissance of manufacturing in Australia such as; automation, programable logic, self-guidance, robotics, and drone technology.**