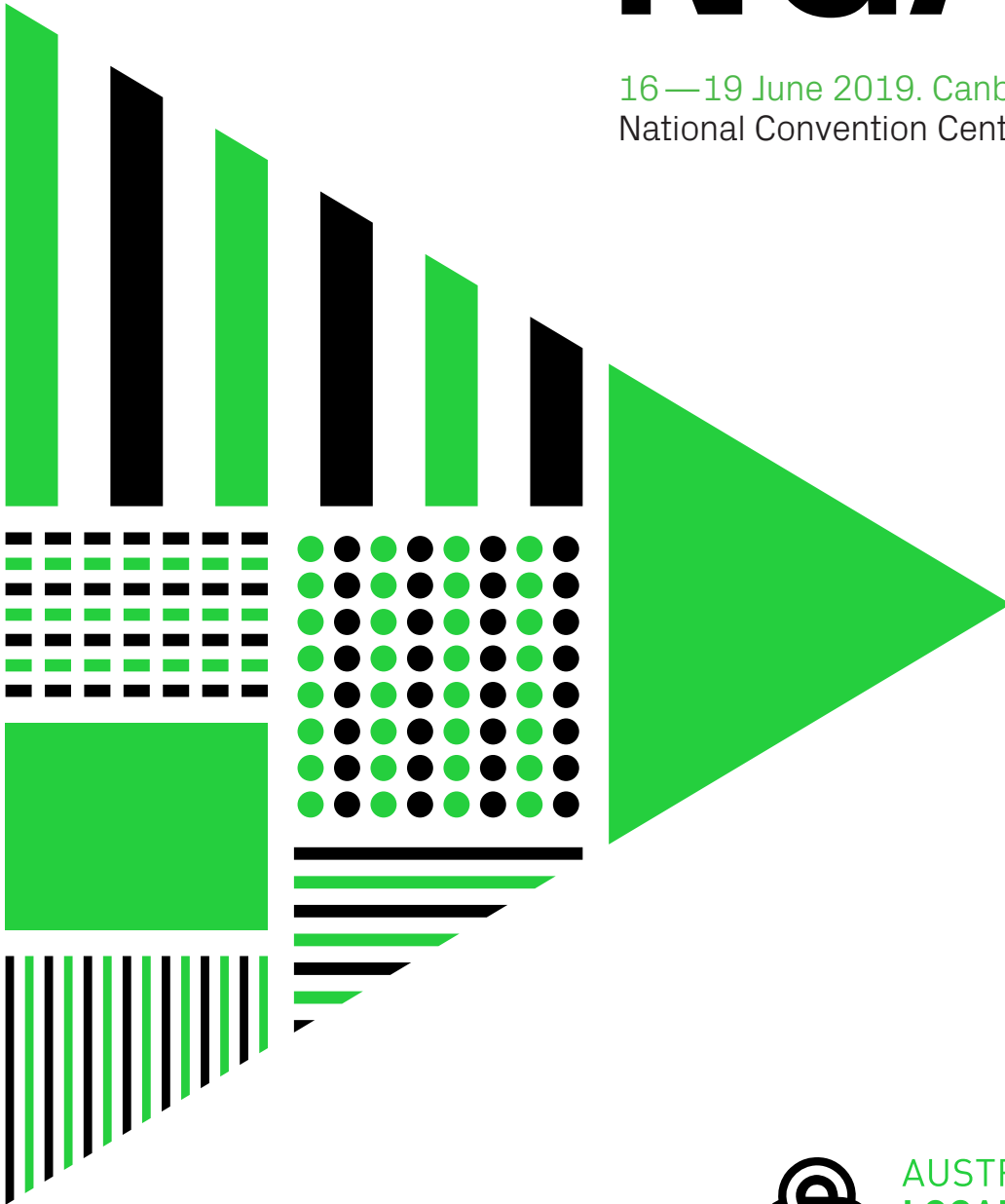


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Special Urgent Motion

Byron Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly acknowledges the crucial role our public broadcaster plays across Australia, particularly in remote, rural and regional communities, and calls on the Federal Government to cease cuts and embark on a program to restore more adequate funding to the ABC.

1 Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly request the Commonwealth Government to initiate a Referendum at the earliest opportunity seeking agreement for recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution.

2 Boulia Shire Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to restore Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) funding to at least one percent of total Commonwealth taxation revenue.

3 Moree Plains Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to remove Part 1 Sec 6 2b of the Local Govt Financial Assistance Act 1995 to remove the minimum per capita amount grant

4 Cumberland Council, NSW

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to urgently review the current methodology in calculating the allocation of Federal Assistance Grants, to ensure that no amalgamated Councils are disadvantaged as a result of boundary alterations.

5 Murrindindi Shire, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit to the funding of Councils through the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) Program on set dates each year in order to avoid smaller Councils, particularly small rural Councils, being forced to incorrectly report deficit budgets to their communities.

6 Wyndham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal, State, and Territory Governments to engage with ALGA to explore more flexible and sustainable arrangements for debt models and vehicles to fund Local Infrastructure in light of growing community expectations for Councils to increasingly provide more services for less.

7 South Burnett Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to support an economic stimulus for rural and outer regional Councils by developing a split competitive and allocative model of funding for projects such as the Building Better Regions Fund.

That the Assembly recommends to the Fed Govt that the BBRF guidelines be amended to include projects for scoping, planning and feasibility funding.

8 Knox City, VIC **Carried**
That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to provide a financial contribution to local government in recognition of its role in the administration of the Australian citizenship program.

9 Forbes Shire Council, NSW **Carried**
That the National General Assembly calls for the traffic control and insurance costs currently paid by RSL clubs/sub branches to conduct Anzac Day events to be resourced by the Federal Government.

10 Penrith City Council, NSW **Carried**
That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to direct Infrastructure Australia and the Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency to work with state infrastructure providers to identify risks and barriers to sustainable growth of cities.

11 Maroondah City, VIC **Carried**
That this National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to provide a funding stream that can be accessed by Metropolitan Councils for major infrastructure projects.

12 Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD **Carried**
That the National General Assembly request the Commonwealth Government to enhance zonal taxation rebates to foster decentralisation of industry and commerce.

13 Gladstone Regional Council, QLD **Carried**
That the National General Assembly supports the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) policy of the Australian Government and the associated future budget commitments.

14 Hobart Council, TAS **Carried**
That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish an infrastructure fund for the construction of active transport initiatives including pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

15 Brisbane City Council, QLD **Carried**
That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop a national Mobility as a Service (MaaS) framework and establish a fund to support and incentivise cooperation across state and local governments, the private sector and community organisations to deliver better, integrated mobility options for the community.

16 Town of Cottesloe, WA **Carried**
That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Local Government Association Board to advocate to the relevant authorities including the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Austroads and the Australian Road Research Board that they consider a policy on traffic speeds in urban Australia which meets the needs of current and future Australians based on national and international evidence regarding safety, amenity, illness prevention and sustainability.

That the policy be used to progress speed reform in urban Australia at a Federal and State level.

17 Wyndham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the COAG Transport and Infrastructure Council to conduct a public review of Trackless Tram technologies from Europe and China as an autonomous, more timely and affordable option to fixed or light rail.

18 Darebin City, VIC

Carried

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

- Fund a \$800 million Grey-spot program that provides pedestrian infrastructure in locations where there are older Australian (+65) to address high proportion of pedestrian deaths experience by older Australians.
- Better manage pedestrian injury and risk, through a deeper understanding of the causes of death, injury and the operation of high risk locations.
- Use the Principle Pedestrian Network Tool to map future and potential pedestrian demand across our cities.
- Introduce polices to support the rapid up-take of electric vehicles;
- Re-align the proportion of transport federal funding so that the three levels of Government in Australia have a more efficient and equitable match between their public responsibilities and their finances;
- Support funding for other infrastructure to ensure safe walking routes for older pedestrians such as:
 - Rest areas and seats
 - Mobile battery charge stations
 - Crossing refuges
 - Water fountain

19 Gladstone Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider appropriate support to regional airports in order to provide affordable travel.

20 Lake Macquarie City Council, NSW

Carried

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to move from high-level vision to delivery for connecting major metropolitan centres through high speed rail. This infrastructure would transform Australia, enabling better connectivity between cities, regional centres and international gateways and improving the lives of most Australians.

21 Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to establish a fund specifically targeted at those local government areas that are bearing the brunt of significant impacts of the Inland Rail project to partly compensate for their loss, hardship and the long term amenity impacts.

22 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls for:

1. The Australian Government to recognise that the escarpment crossings of the Great Dividing Range connecting the coastal plain highways to the inland highway networks are roads that are of vital importance to the economic development of Australia and the regions.
2. The escarpment crossings that support, or can induce, a significant freight task should be earmarked to be upgraded to ensure compliance for HML freight vehicles and that these key freight links be included in the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy and National Action Plan.

23 Moree Plains Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide sustainable funding that will allow Councils to strategically plan for the maintenance, to an all-weather standard local roads, that form essential “first and last mile” links in modern logistics chains for agriculture and other time-sensitive goods. Further, that such funding be based on the productivity benefits of improved logistics together with an assessment of the benefits of a shift to rail, in particular to the Inland Rail project.

24 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to commit to a review of the nation’s freight hubs and analyse where the creation of new/upgraded Ports, rail corridors, highway duplications and airports will best service the country, in line with a commitment to decentralisation.

25 Tweed Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That National General Assembly calls on COAG to develop a National strategy for the rollout of fast charging stations to facilitate the growth of the electric vehicle market and to encourage their broader uptake by the Australian community.

26 District Council of Streaky Bay, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to establish a regional focus through the provision of funding models for waste management systems with an aim to develop a more entrepreneurial framework.

27 Moyne Shire, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on Federal Members of Parliament in support of actions listed in the MAV “Rescue Our Recycling action plan being:

Action 1 - Mandate Product Stewardship

Introduce mandatory product stewardship for all products that generate waste. Put clear and binding targets within the Product Stewardship Act to drive action by industry. This approach would align with the polluter-pays principle, incentivising designers and producers to take responsibility for the environmental impacts of their products.

Action 2 - Tackle Consumer Packaging

In partnership with state and territory ministers, review the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011 to impose mandatory participation and binding obligations across the consumer packaging chain. As an interim measure, clarify obligations on industry so that it is easier to hold them to account.

Action 3 - Strengthen the National Waste Policy

In partnership with state and territory ministers, adopt an action plan for the national Waste Policy that includes firm and ambitious targets and timelines to fast-track our transition to a circular economy.

Action 4 – Regulate/ Ban Production and Importation of Hard to Recycle Materials.

Action 5 – Standardise Package Labelling and Certify Use of Recycled Content

Mandate adoption of the Australasian Recycling Label for all consumer packaging sold in Australia and adopt a certification system for recycled content in line with the US or European models.

28 Alice Springs Town Council, NT

Carried

The National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Australian Government to develop a national approach to recycling textiles and clothing waste to minimise waste being sent to landfills.

29 Darebin City, VIC

Carried

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

- Declare a Climate Emergency
- Establish a \$10 billion dollar national fund for councils to build the resilience of climate change vulnerable communities.
- Commit to providing maximum protection for all people, economies, species, ecosystems, and civilisations, and to fully restoring a safe climate
- Mobilise the required resources and take effective action at the necessary scale and speed across Australia,
- Transform the economy to zero emissions and make a fair contribution to drawing down the excess carbon dioxide in the air, and
- Encourage all other governments around the world to take these same actions.

30 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to establish a consistent framework and provide guidance on measures (including planning controls and asset protection) to be taken by all levels of Government including Local Government with respect to climate-change.

31 Parkes Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to:

- Agree that they have a significant obligation to recognise the scientific consensus that the climate system continues to be affected by known activity, and;

- That a Minister be appointed, and funds be allocated, to assist Councils in their strategic response to the potential impacts of a changing environment.

32 Willoughby City Council, NSW

Carried

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

Establish a National Strategy for climate change adaptation and resilience comprising the following:

1. Processes for the integration of climate change adaptation into local/state strategic planning.
2. A system for gathering, storing and reporting information/mapping on climate change risks, exposure, impacts and vulnerability.
3. Establish sea level rise benchmarks and associated policy and implementation guidelines for Local and State Governments.
4. Clarification of liability issues in relation to coastal inundation, present and future.
5. Strategies for engaging the community and all relevant stakeholders in climate change adaptation projects.
6. Engagement/education materials for communities in becoming climate change resilient, building on work done through the 'Resilient Sydney' project.

33 Hobart Council, TAS

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to give consideration to indemnifying Councils that undertake climate change mitigation initiatives.

34 Tweed Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to establish a Task Force on climate - related Financial Disclosures for inclusions in annual reports for all levels of Government, including Councils. This report is to utilise and be based upon the Financial Stability Boards Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommended framework.

35 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly encourages Councils to join the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership or similar program, to share information and foster local government projects to tackle climate change.

36 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to work with ALGA to provide advice on how councils across Australia can approach the aim of achieving carbon neutrality in as much of the sector as possible.

37 Bass Coast Shire, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support initiatives by councils to develop and implement coastal climate change adaptation plans, to improve the sustainability and resilience of coastal settlements vulnerable to increasing climate change risks.

38 East Gippsland Shire, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to review and clarify the Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements for protective coastal infrastructure having regards for:

- The critical role that protective coastal infrastructure has in ensuring the social and economic functioning of coastal communities;
- The changing climate and forecast increase in the frequency and intensity of coastal storm related events and coastal flooding; and
- The quantum of investment in protective coastal infrastructure across Australia by Local Government.

39 Willoughby City Council, NSW

Carried

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

1. The establishment of National Coastcare Program, facilitated by Local Government and/or regional/state government facilitators to support local community coastal conservation and education initiatives; including the development of a long-term financial investment plan and state government grant program to fund Coastcare.
2. Undertake a review of the future costs to local government associated with managing risks and liabilities of coastal hazards
3. Establish national Coastcare program with funding (funding model provided under the NSW Coastal Management Program with a view to providing long-term funding for local councils and reviewing the appropriateness of the 50/50 grant funding contribution requirement).

40 Tenterfield Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls for the drought affecting most of the country be escalated to Natural Disaster status, thus facilitating Disaster Recovery finance arrangements to be enacted.

41 South Burnett Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal government to continue to promote opportunities for the sustainable delivery of water for urban, commercial and agricultural development and security of current supplies and calls on the Federal Government to amended Legislation and Regulation to allow for immediate funding for capital projects where business cases have been completed and approved by State Governments and Water Authorities

42 Brewarrina Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal and State Government Ministers to address the urgent need for action on the Darling Barwon river system to ensure that the supply of safe drinking water and flows for stock and domestic use is the priority at all times, including priority over and above the release of water from dams for large scale irrigation, irrespective of the circumstances in which allocations have been pre-purchased or pre-allocated for large scale irrigation.

43 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly actively lobby the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition to call for a Royal Commission into the Murray Darling Basin.

44 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources and the Murray Darling Basin Authority to do complete accounting of all water storages, including open channels, diversions and on-farm storages holding unmetered or temporary water.

45 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call for an immediate assessment and complete public reporting of all groundwater Basin supplies, storages and recharge capabilities from the Minister for Agriculture and Water.

46 Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly request the Commonwealth Government to create a national strategy to enhance water security in inland Australia.

47 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Minister for Trade to do a complete public report detailing all foreign investment and holdings in Australian water industries, infrastructure and trading operations.

48 Wentworth Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Water Minister, to recognise concerns from indigenous groups, traditional owners and custodians that:

- they are unable to continue cultural practices, due to lack of cultural flows;
- there is an increased financial impost on high indigenous population towns for drinking water, where same is unavailable, or of poor quality;
- a lack of genuine, integrated and informed consultation has been the norm in matters of water management and projects which directly affect native title holders, traditional custodians and Land Council groups and individuals, combined with lack of feedback or Minutes from meetings with Government representatives and agencies; and
- local First Nations people hold knowledge from greater timelines than current records about flows, floods, movement and interplay of the entire riverine ecology, yet there is a resistance to engaging with that knowledge, utilising the skills and management practices used for many centuries (45,000 years in our region), despite clear desire from most groups to assist and play a more active role in water and land management.

49 District Council of Streaky Bay, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to provide incentives for rural / regional Councils to create micro systems which allow for effective and efficient water storage and management systems to accommodate domestic use.

50 Willoughby City Council, NSW

Carried

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

1. Develop an Urban Water Policy and an Integrated Water Management Strategy for the Greater Sydney region (and other cities) addressing water security solutions and best practice water management principles for urban areas.
2. Incorporate best practice Water Sensitive Urban Design model provisions /Sustainable Urban Water Management Principles into the standard planning instruments (LEP/DCP or equivalent).
3. Review BASIX (or equivalent.) to enhance and ensure the best practice implementation of Water Sensitive Urban Design into all new developments and retrofitting into existing developments.
4. Commit to a long-term investment program for the management and maintenance of water infrastructure in cities.
5. Introduce a standard requiring Water Utilities, as a minimum, to undertake secondary treatment of sewage released from ocean outfalls.

51 Tweed Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to substantially increase levels of funding for the environment in the 2019/20 Budget and to increase future funding for the environment with the aim of achieving at least 5% of the Federal budget's dedicated to environmental protection.

52 Inner West Council, NSW

Carried

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

1. review the national limit for PM 2.5 in light of the fact that recent scientific evidence finds there is no safe level of PM 2.5.
2. take immediate steps to protect vulnerable people, for example school children from exposure to PM 2.5 air pollution.
3. release all reports, submissions and analysis including health studies on all major infrastructure projects in the future and to all current projects under construction.

53 Moree Plains Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to review the current Federal/State disaster arrangements to assess:

- The need to ensure that disaster recovery places most emphasis on infrastructure that improves flood resilience as compared to simple replacement of the infrastructure in place at the time of the flood;
- The appropriateness of the current cost thresholds which trigger disaster arrangements and the degree to which these amounts are manageable by local government;
- The role of the insurance industry in sending price signals, but also the impacts of those price signals on insurance affordability for existing landholders.

54 Hobart Council, TAS

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements to consider broadening the definition of essential assets to include assets that are currently regarded as non-essential.

55 Darebin City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on COAG Energy Council to commit to a Trajectory for the improvement of energy performance in existing homes by the end of 2019, including commitment to work with State, Territory and local governments to:

- a. Introduce mandatory disclosure of energy performance for all buildings when they are sold and leased;
- b. Mandate minimum energy efficiency performance standard for rental properties, as part of broader standards for what constitutes healthy and habitable rental housing;
- c. Develop and implement programs to improve the energy efficiency of all social housing, including community housing;
- d. Provide information and equitable incentives for home owners to upgrade their homes, with targeted support for upgrades to people on low incomes; and
- e. Progress related measures including obligations on energy companies to achieve annual energy efficiency reductions, disclosure and information obligations on real estate companies and lending institutions.

56 Port Phillip City, VIC

Carried

That National General Assembly (NGA) calls on all Federal political parties, to commit to increased funding and action to address the growing problem of homelessness in Australia, by:

Developing a national plan to reduce homelessness which:

- Places the provision of affordable and social housing at the centre of the plan to reduce homelessness
- Is informed by Housing First principles of providing stable housing and quality, personalised support
- Includes the expansion of evidence based models, which have demonstrated success in ending homelessness, such as Youth Foyers and Common Ground
- Establishes specific targets and strategies to reduce homelessness among indigenous Australian, who currently comprise 20% of Australians experiencing homelessness
- Includes sub strategies for people rough sleeping, women and children escaping family violence, older people, particularly older women, young people exiting care and juvenile justice, people exiting corrections and those with multiple and complex needs.

Developing a national Housing Plan which:

- Makes affordable and social housing a priority with a long-term national housing plan with associated Ministerial portfolio to drive integrated reform across Government, at all levels of Government and across industry sectors.
- Delivering housing related taxation instruments, and other incentives, that will increase the supply of affordable housing by attracting institutional and private investment with models like an enhanced 'build to rent' scheme that will create affordable private rental housing.
- Addressing the funding gap between costs and rental income for low income households with subsidised rental, e.g. longer-term 'NRAS' type models, access to affordable finance etc.
- Direct Government investment to grow the supply of community housing, and build the capacity of the community housing sector (e.g. Nation Building program).

Carried

56.2 Darebin City, VIC

Lost

That the National General Assembly calls for:

1. a coordinated, national response to housing issues, incorporating all levels of government.
2. mandatory controls in planning schemes, in the form of inclusionary zoning, to require affordable housing contributions as part of private development.

56.3 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to encourage State and Territory Governments to include a definition of tiny houses in planning legislation, to offer a flexible, legitimate housing model.

57 Melbourne City, VIC

Carried

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

1. Recognise the national significance of the financial implications of cladding rectification for building owners.
2. Establish a rectification relief fund, providing access to grants and low or interest-free loans to expedite unsafe cladding removal.
3. Provide for a streamlined small claims process that minimises the cost to owners to seek remedies against the developer/builder

57.1 Blacktown City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls for the Commonwealth and all State Governments to provide a consistent and uniform national regulatory approach with workable methodologies to address the fire safety risks posed by combustible external cladding and the use of non-conforming building products on certain types of buildings.

58 Lake Macquarie City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Council of Australian Governments to ensure all state and territory governments implement in full the recommendations of the 'BUILDING CONFIDENCE: Improving the effectiveness of compliance and enforcement systems for the building and construction industry across Australia' report by Peter Sherrod and Bronwyn Weir.

59 City of Mitcham, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on ALGA to work with the federal government to develop and implement a national framework for mandatory building specifications to reduce non permeable surfaces and increase domestic rainwater harvesting and re-use, for all new residential developments.

60 Darebin City, VIC

Carried

The National General Assembly urges:

1. State and Territory Building Ministers to implement the Trajectory recommendations through the National Construction Code to be implemented in 2022, including:
 - a) A step change in minimum energy performance standards to at least a 7-star NATHERS equivalent and the introduction of an energy usage budget (whole-of-building approach);
 - b) Enabling renewable energy to contribute to the energy usage budget but not replace energy efficiency measures;
 - c) Extend the National Construction Code to include minimum performance standards for fixed appliances;
 - d) Strengthen the requirements of the National Construction Code to apply to a greater number of major renovations in existing homes;
 - e) Work with industry to ensure effective compliance with minimum standards through skills training and incentives, and improved mechanisms for dispute resolution and redress.
 - f) Provide a well-resourced regulator with adequate tools and powers to address non-compliance; and
 - g) Provide additional funding and assistance to ensure all new social housing complies with minimum energy performance standards.

61 Brimbank City, VIC

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to ensure three year old and four year old children can access quality early education through permanent ongoing funding to the national pre-school and kindergarten program for all four year old's, and progressive extension of the program to cover all three year old's.

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to work with Local Government to ensure proper planning, to have facilities built and upgraded and teachers recruited and trained, to enable the success of the expanded program.

62 Wyndham City, VIC

Withdrawn

That the National General Assembly calls on the new Federal Government to commit to ongoing funding, highlighting that Australia is already the most expensive country for childcare costs according to the OECD.

63 Forbes Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Minister to provide additional 'Drought Relief Payments' to regionally based child care centres, mobile pre-schools and Preschools to pass onto families as free pre-school places and attendance for 2-5 year old's.

64.2 Cumberland Council, NSW

Carried

That this National General Assembly of Local Government calls on the Federal Government to urgently review the current restrictive eligibility requirements for the Status Resolution Support Scheme with a

view to restoring access to this program to all people seeking asylum until a resolution of their status is complete.

65 East Gippsland Shire, VIC

Carried

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

- The development of a comprehensive national primary health policy and plan that would articulate and benchmark the health services that should be available in all areas throughout Australia based on need;
- Reform of the Primary Healthcare system in order to address the unequal distribution of the primary healthcare workforce by seeking to allocated Medicare provider numbers based on need; and
- Learning from overseas experience about developing more robust primary health services that can treat people in a community primary health environment rather than in an expensive acute setting.

65.1 South Burnett Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to review the funding and support to community health services with particular emphasis on outer regional, rural and remote communities.

66 Leeton Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to address the shortage of medical professionals in rural and regional areas of Australia by adopting the Australian Medical Association's five key priority areas being:

1. Encourage students from rural areas to enrol in medical school and provide medical students with opportunities for positive and continuing exposure to regional/rural medical training;
2. Provide a dedicated and quality training pathway with the right skill mix to ensure doctors are adequately trained to work in rural areas;
3. Provide a rewarding and sustainable work environment with adequate facilities, professional support and education, personal comfort, and flexible work arrangements, including locum relief;
4. Provide family support that includes spousal opportunities/employment, educational opportunities for children's education, subsidy for housing/relocation and/or tax relief; and
5. Provide financial incentives including rural loadings to ensure competitive remuneration.
6. Cease offering 12 month government contracts and projects and move them to longer terms that encourage health professionals to relocate to regional areas.

67 Mitchell Shire, VIC

Carried

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to reorient the mental health services system funding in rural and regional communities, invest in long term stable funding arrangements focused on operating a continuum of services across the life stages prevention, early intervention and tertiary services.

68 Frankston City, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on both the Government and Opposition to ensure that there are tangible outcomes of/from the \$300M+ National Ice Taskforce.

69 Gladstone Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to commit to a productivity commission review into private health insurance.

70 Gladstone Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the policy around rebate structures for bulk billing services particularly to address the lacking services available to people in regional and rural centres.

71 Darebin City, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls for:

1. The maintenance of block funding for the delivery of the Commonwealth Home Support Program beyond June 2020,
2. States, Territories and the Commonwealth Governments to grant an exemption to local government providing home care services from the National Competition Policy.

72 Darebin City, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to introduce two new Home Care subsidies to medication management, and nursing services. This will allow Home Care Packages recipients to receive these two crucial services and maintain care in the community.

73 Frankston City, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly expresses its concern to both the Government and Opposition on current deficiencies in the current NDIS funding arrangements and calls on both the Government and Opposition to make funding arrangements offered by the government to providers more attractive.

74 Town of Port Hedland, WA **Carried**

That this National General Assembly advocate to the Federal Government through the Minister for Regional Development, that appropriate policies are put in place to support centres located in and around mining areas in terms of population growth, investment and job creation.

75 Parramatta Council, NSW **Carried**

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to provide support and funding to address the significant risks posed, nationwide, by asbestos contamination in public lands and buildings.

76 Whitsunday Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to develop a national regulation approach to short-term holiday letting, such as AirBNB, which could be administered at the local level.

77 Nillumbik Shire, VIC

Carried

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide direct funding to assist local government to address the risks of climate change through the development of renewable energy facilities and support related community actions.

78 Gladstone Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to commit to investment in the development of future energy sources in order to ensure diversity of alternative sources of dispatchable power.

79 Bega Valley Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on Councils to facilitate and support the establishment of community renewable energy hubs in their municipalities.

80 Penrith City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal and state governments to implement the recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of Cities, to provide financial support, in the form of grants, to projects which demonstrate potential to generate significant employment growth for all communities including the rapidly expanding, outer suburban communities of Australian cities and also where there is infill development.

81 Wyndham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to develop City Deals or Partnerships or an equivalent funding and delivery vehicle to:

1. Address opportunities and threats presented by rapid technological change
2. Better integrate economic, physical, infrastructure and employment assets
3. Improve governance and collaboration across all levels of government to ensure more resilient innovation and employment hubs that embrace the '4th Industrial Revolution' and create opportunities for young people and at risk workers.

82 District Council of Streaky Bay, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to provide funding and support for migrant workers with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) backgrounds to expedite transition of the recognition of their skills, making the available to re-enter the workforce, with an emphasis to filling rural demands where these skills are in critical shortage.

83 Town of Port Hedland, WA

Carried

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to continue extensive consultation with local and state governments, the community sector, medical experts and other relevant stakeholders with a view of creating and implementing appropriate policies to manage anti-social

behaviour to support people, families and communities in places where high levels of welfare dependence, and drug and alcohol abuse, co-exist with high levels of social harm.

84 Blue Mountains City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Commonwealth Government to address the financial impact of visitation on local councils by exploring additional revenue raising options, including differential rates for tourism businesses, bed taxes and Federal/State funding programs specifically for tourism infrastructure renewal and maintenance.

85 Yarra City, VIC

Carried

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

1. Establish a Royal Commission into the gambling industry and the \$24 billion in annual gambling losses nationally, the highest in the world in per capita terms; and
2. Embrace national harm minimisation policies to reduce gambling harm in Australia such as:
 - I. Following the lead of the UK Labour Party in supporting a ban on credit card usage with online gambling companies;
 - II. Introducing further restrictions on gambling advertising, emulating the approach taken with the tobacco industry;
 - III. Establishing a national ombudsman scheme to process consumer complaints and resolve customer disputes with online gambling companies; and
 - IV. Introducing a ban on federally registered political parties from owning gambling licences issued by Australian governments, including for the operation of poker machine venues.

86 Brimbank City, VIC

Carried

That this National General Assembly, recognising the impact of gambling harm on local communities around Australia, calls on the Federal Government to introduce more stringent classification of video games that include loot boxes or similar items, to reduce the harm that arises from the convergence of gaming and gambling, and the consequent normalisation of gambling.

That this National General Assembly also calls on the Federal Government to close existing loopholes which enable gambling advertisements to be broadcast on television and radio during children's viewing and listening hours.

87 Wyndham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to work with State and Territory Governments to develop new and/or updated systems to collect and publish online gambling expenditure data at a municipal level.

88 Manningham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on

- The Australian Government to provide grant funding for local governments who have adopted 'Smart City' parking sensor technology to implement infrastructure to enable the data to be

made available in near real time to Open Data Platforms and technology providers to increase the benefit of this information to the community.

- All local governments with parking sensor technology, in the absence of any additional Commonwealth funding, to develop programs to provide information in near real time to Open Data Platforms and technology providers to increase the benefit of this information to the community.

89 Albury City Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls for state and territory local government associations to take a leadership role in developing and supporting members in their transition to Smart Communities; and for Australian, State and Territory Government bipartisan support for integrated policies and programs which encourage and support the development of Smart Communities.

90 Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to, at the very least, maintain but preferably increase funding for the mobile blackspot programme to connect regional Australia to the digital economy.

90.3 Litchfield Council, NT

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to include identified mobile black spot sites from the Northern Territory in its Mobile Black Spot Program – Priority Locations.

91 Port Phillip City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly (NGA) calls on the Commonwealth Government to amend the Telecommunications Act 1997, to improve the existing standards for the delivery of so called “low impact” facilities, by introducing guidelines or other regulation that requires enhanced consultation with the community and other stakeholders and consideration of community amenity in the design and placement of facilities.

91.1 City of Adelaide, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government for changes to the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth) and/or the Telecommunications (Low-Impact facilities) Determination 2018 to either:

- Remove public payphones from the definition of “low-impact facility”, or
- Otherwise require planning approval for payphones.

92 Manningham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to provide grant funding to support development of Local Government data warehouses, master data management repositories, and associated canonical data models. This support would be on the basis that the developments would be used to contribute to a nationwide standard for Local Government data definitions and data warehousing, and could be leveraged by other Councils.

93 Albury City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on Standards Australia to provide more affordable access to the full suite of Australian Standards for the Local Government sector and requests the Australian Government to support that access.

94 Whitsunday Regional Council, QLD **Carried**

That this National General Assembly call on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to develop a national approach to Local Law infringement management for the sharing of information cross-state boundaries to enable debt recovery.

95 Albury City Council, NSW **Carried**

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to modernise the provisions in the Copyright Act 1968 to reflect exemptions to local government authorities that are the same as Commonwealth and State government.

96 City of Adelaide, SA **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government, to develop Australian standards for the provision of national standards for cycling infrastructure including separated bikeways.

97 Blacktown City Council, NSW **Carried**

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

1. Immediately set up an investigation into electricity and gas pricing and specifically their impact on local government and all communities.
2. Take effective action with energy providers for reduction in the cost of energy, in order to assist local government and communities to reduce their escalating expenditure.

98 Darebin City, VIC **Carried**

That the National General Assembly calls on local government associations to develop and implement a national communications campaign to raise the level of awareness and understanding of the work Councils do in regional and metropolitan Australia and rebuilds the trust in local government as an institution.

99 Shire of Christmas Island, WA **Carried**

That the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) supports the local governments in the External Territories (Norfolk Island and the Shire of Christmas Island) in their attempt to be able to access comparative funding from the Commonwealth to that of other local governments in Australia, which have access to funding opportunities from their respective State Governments.

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

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support the reinvigoration of core horticultural research disciplines within all states of Australia, to service the needs of the horticulture sector that is facing ever increasing challenges in profitable production, export market access and biosecurity (to name just a few).

101 Leeton Shire Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly requests the Australian Government to honour its intention contained within its reservation (1) to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and enact legislation to specifically implement the terms of article 4 (a) being:

(a) Shall declare an offence punishable by law all dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred, incitement to racial discrimination, as well as all acts of violence or incitement to such acts against any race or group of persons of another colour or ethnic origin, and also the provision of any assistance to racist activities, including the financing thereof;

Further, that in keeping with the terms of Article 4 (c) the Australian Government prohibit a member of parliament from utilising parliamentary resources for the purposes to promote or incite racial discrimination.

102 City of Onkaparinga, SA

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to significantly raise Newstart, Youth Allowance and all underfunded social security payments and that all payments be indexed at the same rate as the pension, as this has been recognised as an absolute minimum standard of living.

102.1 Roper Gulf Regional Council, NT

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls for the Australian Government to work with local government to look into future energy needs and costs for Regional Councils throughout Australia to build-up resilience to environmental factors.

103 Wyndham City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Transport and Infrastructure Council to expand their Terms of Reference to include the prioritisation of identified Employment and Innovation Hubs across Australia as places to bring together new high-value and innovative businesses, educational institutions and researchers.

104 Roper Gulf Regional Council, NT

Carried

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support the provision of essential aged care and disability services and infrastructure in regional and remote towns.

105 Frankston City, VIC

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to address the need for strong food security measures to protect the public from food contamination. This request is to be made due to various instances of interference in food security (i.e. needles found in vegetables) over the past twelve months.

106 Cabonne Council, NSW

Carried

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian and state and territory governments to ensure food security and sustainability for future generations, including introduction of national legislation to protect the 'right to farm'.

107 Darebin City, VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to implement measures that aim to relieve local government infrastructure funding pressures, including:

- The creation of a dedicated funding program for local government community infrastructure
- A more equitable distribution of infrastructure funding to the states, that takes into account population distribution and growth impacts.

108 Horsham Rural City, VIC

That the National General Assembly call upon the Federal Government to develop a long-term plan for investment in regional cities as a key to maintaining the liveability of the regions they support, attract business investment and to provide high quality health, education, recreation and cultural facilities.

109 Mitchell Shire, VIC

That National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to:

1. Increase the Roads to Recovery funding to \$800 million per annum
2. Broaden the Bridges Renewal Program criteria.

109.2 Somerset Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to continue the Bridge Renewal Program to ensure security of transport networks for industry and connected communities alike.

110 Central Highlands Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Minister of Home Affairs to ensure that any new regulatory security requirements imposed by the Federal Government on regional airports that result in significant cost increases, should be offset with funding assistance opportunities to ensure regional communities are not further disadvantaged.

111 Melbourne City, VIC

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

1. Formally review and rewrite procurement policies for all Australian Government departments to require a level of recyclable content in materials procured, to assist in the creation of domestic markets.
2. Pass new legislation during 2019 that applies strong national product stewardship laws, creating significant disincentives to companies to mass produce or import products (including packaging) that are not economically recyclable.

112 Parkes Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to:

1. Increase aid to farmers and business affected by the current drought as it intensifies; and

2. That a transparent drought response policy be formalised with learning from the current drought, which includes proactive response as well as reactive.

113 Forbes Shire Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to provide ongoing assistance for drought preparedness in the form of low interest innovation, water infrastructure and drought assistance loans, training and professional development in business management for farmers and continued support for Rural Financial counsellors to work with farmers long term, with the understanding that drought is part of the normal cycle of farming and needs to be planned for.

114 Sunshine Coast Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to develop options (in partnership with local governments, state governments, bulk water providers and water retailers) that improve drought resilience across Australia – particularly with regard to the agricultural sector – through more efficient storage, movement and use of all types of water, including recycled water and storm/rain water.

115 Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to simplify administrative arrangements for Federal drought related funding for local governments to ensure more flexibility and more appropriate time periods for local governments to prepare project applications to assist those people and communities affected by drought.

116 Mitchell Shire, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to develop a comprehensive National Housing Strategy.

117 Gladstone Regional Council, QLD

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider appropriate initiatives to support employment in regional and rural Australia.

118 Penrith City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to adopt an integrated and sustainable planning framework for the rapid population growth in Australia's cities and regions including a National Settlement Plan.

119 Shoalhaven City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the NSW Government and Federal Government to ensure the role Local Government plays in the management of assets, infrastructure and communities is adequately addressed in the Beyond Tourism 2020 Steering Committee Report.

120 Hobart Council, TAS

That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to extend and increase the funding of the Smart Cities and Suburbs Program.

Carried

121 Manningham City, VIC

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to support local government to collaborate, be entrepreneurial and embrace innovation through the provision of incubator grants.