

A National Agenda:

Developing Local Government Professional Australia's advocacy platform

The next Federal Election represents a significant advocacy opportunity for the Federation. This paper has been designed to encourage and elicit feedback and ideas for the National Board to consider in the development of the national advocacy agenda.

LG Professionals Australia's recent national advocacy activity



Code of Ethics

New Federation Code of Ethics prepared in 2018 for members



Workforce and skills

Mature Age Workforce Toolkit
Indigenous workforce roundtables



Value proposition

Commissioned *Transformative Governance* paper, authored by the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra



City Deals

Canberra showcases held with senior local government managers, academics, international representatives and Federal Government departmental representatives



Diversity and inclusion

Co-design workshop held at Congress 2017
Gender equity report with steps for change
New agreement to work with ALGWA on a national program



Financial sustainability

Federation statement issued on the use of revenue constraints, including rate capping



LG Professionals Australia has been advocating on behalf of local government practitioners since 1936.

Today, it is a federated body with partners in every state and territory, and a national office.

This discussion paper is designed to inform the development of the new national agenda and advocacy program.

We value your input, join in the national discussion by attending the 2018 National Congress & Business Expo.

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The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) represents local government's elected members, with political advocacy and policy in the areas listed here.

There is an opportunity for LG Professionals Australia to develop positions that complement ALGA's and for us to consider advocacy in different and emerging areas.

FINANCIAL

- General Purpose Funding
- Annual funding equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue
- Opposition to revenue constraints
- Untied Financial Assistance Grants
- Trusted partner for Commonwealth grants

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Investment in local and regional infrastructure and community assets
- Local Government - Higher Productivity Investment Plan of \$200m per year over 5 years
- Local Government Community Infrastructure Program of \$300m per year over 4 years

REGIONS AND CITIES

- Build community resilience, social inclusion and prosperity
- Use existing regional structures
- Commonwealth partnerships: environmental, human services, natural resource management, housing and water
- Improved response to natural disasters

INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Promote the role in innovation and economic development
- Digital transformation to improve productivity and services to communities
- Commonwealth funding for councils for digital transformation to enable smart communities

EMERGING POLICY AREAS

Join us to discuss these emerging policy areas and shape the national advocacy program.

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Please note, the following list is not exhaustive, it is a starting point for important discussions on emerging local government issues.

Leadership and management skills

Bid data and analytics

Inequality

Diversity and inclusion

Politicisation of the CEO

Population and settlement strategy

Digital and technology

Cyber Security

Urban and regional development

Future transport technology

Infrastructure and asset management

Arts and culture

Social service provision

Workforce planning

Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work

Behavioural Insights and nudges

Environmental management and

Climate Change

Waste management and recycling

Housing and homelessness

Indigenous

Social cohesion and community building

Community engagement

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Co-Designing the National Advocacy Program

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Federation CEO's forum
ANZ Chief Officers' & GMs' meeting
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