



MEDIA RELEASE

Collaboration with the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis at the University of Canberra

LG Professionals Australia has signed a memorandum of understanding to formalise a strategic partnership with the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis at the University of Canberra (IGPA).

LG Professionals Australia has had a long been working with the University of Canberra via the Australia New Zealand School of Government: Institute for Governance (ANZSIG) and under the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) Innovation and Best Practice initiative from 2011.

In 2015 Mark Evans, Director and Professor of Governance, Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis was a keynote [presenter](#) at the National Congress and guest speaker at the Federation Presidents' Summit.

LG Professionals Australia has also been assisted by Professor Evans through coordinating a submission to the Federal Government's White Paper on the Reform of the Federation (PM 2014) process to ensure that local government, and the issues and challenges facing the sector, are adequately considered. From 2016, IGPA will also be a key partner in supporting LG Professionals Australia to deliver its advocacy agenda which will include a proposed regular Canberra Summit series on opportunities for local government to play a stronger role in the federation and add further value to the governance of Australia.

LG Professionals Australia and IGPA are committed to working in partnership on the following shared endeavours:

- Collaborative Local Government research;
- International programs;
- Workforce development; and
- Advocacy.

“Formalizing this is of mutual benefit to our respective organisations”, said Lauren Oakey, CEO LG Professionals Australia. “This includes working together on activities such as an advocacy strategy for local government, responding to and engaging the sector on issues that affect them, and exploring opportunities for programs and events for the benefit of practitioners.”

About LG Professionals Australia

[LG Professionals Australia](#) is the peak association for local government, working on behalf of employees for more than 78 years to promote professional development, best practice, and deliver partnership opportunities for Australian councils.

Our mission is to facilitate unique opportunities at a national level to attract the best and brightest to the sector. We look beyond Australian shores and coordinate international partnerships with sister organisations to learn and share with our international peers.

About The Institute

[The Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis \(IGPA\)](#) at the [University of Canberra](#) was established in January 2014 to harness the research strengths of the former ANZSOG Institute for Governance (ANZSIG) and the [National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling \(NATSEM\)](#). The Institute conducts interdisciplinary research in governance and policy analysis to deepen theory, advance knowledge and improve practice, in a way that is of significance to scholars and practitioners in Australia and internationally. The core aim of IGPA is to create and sustain a world class research institution for the study and practice of governance and public policy.

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