



MEDIA RELEASE

President of Local Government Professionals Australia reaffirms role and relevance of national body

November 4, 2021

Local Government Professionals Australia is the voice of local government in Canberra and stands ready to continue to play a constructive role linking Federal leadership to Australia's 537 Councils.

Addressing the LG Professionals WA Annual State Conference today, Jonathan Throssell said he came to the Presidency in August with a strong passion for the role of local government in building resilient communities.

"LG Professionals Australia is a key service and infrastructure delivery stakeholder in the eyes of the federal government," Mr Throssell said.

"We speak for the interests of close to 200,000 leaders and workers in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote local government.

"I look forward to being a strong champion of their interests in the year ahead at the helm of the national body.

"We utilise our central position in the nation's capital to improve the visibility of the local government sector to the Australian Government and other national-level bodies.

"A fortnight ago I discussed the needs of the sector with the Federal Assistant Minister for Local Government, Kevin Hogan.

"It was a timely moment of engagement given the alarm sounded by independent advisory group Infrastructure Australia on the skills shortage confronting Australia.

"LG Professionals Australia will be at the vanguard of the pursuit of policy solutions to these critical short, medium and long-term workforce issues.

"I will also be a champion of change for the better by leading the campaign for gender balance in local government, especially at CEO and senior leadership positions."

About LG Professionals Australia

LG Professionals Australia is the peak body representing local government professionals. We focus on developing organisations and the broader local government sector to build better communities around Australia.

LG Professionals Australia represents the local government professionals, senior managers and emerging leaders of more than 500 local councils across Australia. With a national perspective and network, we support programs to attract and develop the best people and facilitate connections between professionals and councils around Australia and internationally.

Media Contact

Peter Lloyd

0428172218

plloyd@lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au

Interview Opportunities

Jonathan Throssell – President, LG Professionals Australia