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Local Government Professionals Australia congratulates Anthony Albanese on election win

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Local Government Professionals Australia congratulates Anthony Albanese on his election as Australia's 31st Prime Minister, and federal Labor on their victory in the election and look forward to working with an Albanese Government over this next term.

"I am excited about working with the new government to advocate for 190,000 council employees across the country, including the CEO decision makers and other professionals working in the sector," said Local Government Professionals CEO Catherine Carter.

"Local Government Professionals Australia is the only voice for the professional arm of the sector, covering almost 400 occupations across Australia's 537 councils.

"Local government is a vital tier of Australian democracy and works in partnership with other levels of government to provide benefits and opportunities to build, sustain and strengthen communities.

"Labor's election manifesto recognised the important role of local government in delivering infrastructure and vital services including aged care, affordable housing and emergency management.

"Local Government Professionals Australia sits on the Local Government Industry Reference Committee considering industry skill requirements in the development of new training packages, and look forward to continuing our work and dialogue with federal government in any future reform processes.

"We note that local government has been excluded from National Cabinet over the past two years, which has meant the voices of local government professionals delivering services on the ground have been excluded from federal decision making and limited our ability to work more effectively with other tiers of government.

"Labor has pledged to focus on the long-term financial viability of local government, restoring full local government representation – including voting rights – to the peak Ministerial Council of the nation and re-establishing the Australian Council of Local Government.

"Local Government Professionals Australia looks forward to working closely and collaboratively with you and your team over the next term," Catherine Carter said.

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