



## Mission

**East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.**

### Core Values

Human Rights  
Equality  
Independence  
Community  
Work Confidence  
Equity  
Respect

# **SUPPLEMENTARY** **AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**13 May 2022**

## EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Special Meeting Of Council of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held via Video Conference on Friday, 13 May 2022 at 9AM.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website [www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au) and can be viewed at the Council's public office.

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## Dial-in Details

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	1.1
<b>TITLE</b>	ALGA - Federal Election Campaign
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1615698
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### SUMMARY:

Support for ALGA Federal Election Priorities

### BACKGROUND

The next Federal Election is to be held on 21 May 2022.

Working in conjunction with its member state and territory associations, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has developed a framework and resources for a national advocacy campaign that will run in the lead up to this election.

Based around the tagline of “Don’t Leave Local Communities Behind”, the goal is to secure funding and policy commitments that will support every Australian council and community, and ensure all Australians have an equal opportunity to share in the benefits of Australia’s post-pandemic recovery.

All Australian councils have been asked to participate in this campaign to ensure a coordinated approach that will deliver the best possible outcomes.

The Don’t Leave Local Communities Behind campaign will promote 17 priority asks in the portfolios of economic recovery, transport and community infrastructure, building resilience, circular economy and intergovernmental relations.

These priorities are based on motions passed by councils at ALGA’s annual National General Assembly, and have been endorsed by ALGA’s Board which is comprised of representatives from all state and territory Local Government Associations.

They have been assessed by independent economists and would add around \$6.46 billion per year to Australia’s Gross Domestic Product while creating 43,444 jobs.

The Don’t Leave Local Communities Behind campaign will run for five weeks, with each week focussing on one of the five portfolio areas.

The full list of national Federal Election priorities that will be promoted through this campaign is outlined below:

#### Economic recovery

1. An initial injection of Financial Assistance Grants to local government of \$1.3 billion to support communities and jobs and also resolve the current practice of bringing forward two quarterly Financial Assistance Grant payments each year.
2. A commitment to return Financial Assistance Grants to at least one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue via a phased approach.

#### Transport and community infrastructure

3. \$500 million per annum for a four-year continuation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
4. A strategic local roads investment program of \$300 million per annum over four years to address road transport first and last mile issues and congestion on local roads.

5. An increase in Roads to Recovery to \$800 million per annum (an additional \$300 million per annum) and the Black Spot Program to \$200 million per annum over four years, while addressing the South Australian road funding anomaly by making the additional \$20 million per annum to SA in 2021-22 and 2022-23 permanent.
6. Continuing the Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity Package at \$55 million over four years.
7. \$200 million over four years to assist councils to develop and implement innovative housing partnerships.

#### Building resilience

8. A targeted disaster mitigation program of \$200 million per annum for four years which will reduce the costs of response and recovery and strengthen community resilience.
9. A commitment to ensuring betterment funding as a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements.
10. A commitment to include community infrastructure that is publicly accessible and owned, and local government waste, water and wastewater assets under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
11. A Local Government Climate Response Partnership Fund of \$200 million over four years to enable planning and preparation to minimise the impacts of climate change in local communities and enable councils to achieve climate neutrality as soon as practicable.
- 12. \$100 million per annum over four years provided directly to local governments to support the capabilities of Indigenous councils and the implementation of the Closing the Gap local/regional voice.**

#### Circular economy

13. Support to provide guidance and advice to councils on how to unlock the circular economy locally, particularly in rural, regional, and remote areas.
14. Support to investigate and, if feasible, implement a national bin harmonisation program that will improve kerbside recycling, reduce contamination, and maximise opportunities for reuse.
15. \$100 million per annum over four years to fund local government circular waste innovation projects.

#### Intergovernmental relations

16. Reinstating local government representation to the primary intergovernmental forum in Australia, the National Cabinet.
17. Ensuring local government's ongoing voting membership of other relevant Ministerial forums.

ALGA has developed free campaign resources that can be adapted and used by all councils to ensure a consistent and effective approach.

Participating in a national advocacy campaign does not preclude this council from advocating on additional local needs and issues, but it will strengthen the national campaign and support all 537 Australian local governments.

#### **GENERAL**

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **That Council:**

- a) **Council supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs; and**
  
- b) **Council agrees to support and participate in the Australian Local Government Association's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association to:**
  - I. **express support for ALGA's funding priorities;**
  - II. **identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and**
  - III. **seek funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.