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National General Assembly

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2025 Resolutions

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Motion number 1 Whitsunday Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to include the President of the Australian Local Government Association into the National Cabinet to reinstate the Local Government's representation into national decision making that existed in the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

Carried

Motion number 2 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the Financial Assistant Grant to local government to support sustainability.

Carried

Motion number 3 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to expedite the delivery of the nation-building Inland Rail project.

Carried

Motion number 4 Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to release the Government response to the Local Government sustainability inquiry and implement funding increases to better support the Local Government sector.

Carried

Motion number 5 Newcastle City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to lead collaboration with state and local governments to review, simplify, and streamline the delivery and governance of grant funding to local government, ensuring a more efficient, equitable, and sustainable funding model. To achieve this, the Australian Government should:

1. Consolidate disparate funding programs delivered across multiple Commonwealth and State Government agencies into a "block funding" model, ensuring grant funding is delivered in a way that aligns with local government planning cycles. The current fragmented system leads to inefficiencies, duplication, and short-term funding constraints that hinder long-term community planning and development.
2. Ensure equitable access to grant funding by identifying broader funding mechanisms beyond requiring direct co-contributions from councils. Many local

governments, particularly in rural and regional areas, lack the financial and resource capacity to provide matching funds. Yet, they are among those most dependent on grants for critical infrastructure and service delivery. Alternative models, such as needs-based assessments or in-kind contributions, must be considered to ensure all councils have fair access to funding opportunities.

3. Reduce the administrative burden on local governments by harmonising governance frameworks, systems, and documentation requirements across funding programs and agencies. The complexity and inconsistency of grant processes create inefficiencies, divert resources away from service delivery, and disadvantage councils with limited administrative capacity. Standardising processes will improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency.
4. Strengthen intergovernmental collaboration to ensure that funding programs are better aligned with local and regional priorities. A more coordinated approach between the Australian Government, state governments, and local councils will enhance the strategic impact of grants, avoid duplication, and maximise the effectiveness of public investment.
5. Support long-term local economic development and resilience by ensuring funding models empower local governments to undertake sustainable, high-impact projects. A more predictable and accessible funding system will enable councils to invest in initiatives that foster economic growth, job creation, infrastructure development, and community well-being.

Carried

Motion number 6 Wyndham City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to renew the National Conversation on Local Government Financial Sustainability.

Carried

Motion number 7 Knox City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to explore and, where feasible, implement grant programs that address infrastructure needs, prioritising the renewal, upgrade, and maintenance of existing essential infrastructure.

Carried

Motion number 8 District Council of Grant SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- Increase targeted investment in operational aspects of regional airports to support ongoing usage of essential infrastructure and long-term viability.
- Introduce strategies which result in fairer airline pricing policies, encourage competition and reduce airfare disparities.

- Establish frameworks that safeguard regional flights, frequencies and reliability.
- Expand regional aviation support programs ensuring that communities reliant on air travel are not left behind.

Carried

Motion number 9 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to continue the local roads and community infrastructure program at a minimum investment of previous programs.

Carried

Motion number 10 Lithgow City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to make improvements to better support local government in the context of an operating environment characterised by climate change and an increase in natural disasters.

Carried

Motion number 11 Mitchell Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide sufficient funding to enable preventative infrastructure works to support increased resilience to natural disasters.

Carried

Motion number 12 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated Local Government Resilience Fund to support councils in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural disasters.

Carried

Motion number 13 Maranoa Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly:

1. Thanks the Australian Government for commissioning the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (Colvin Review) and acknowledges the importance of its focus on proactive disaster risk reduction and resilience investment, including reform of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA);

2. Calls on the Australian Government to commit to co-designing reform initiatives with State and Local Governments to ensure they are practical, regionally responsive, and adequately resourced; and
3. Encourages the Australian Government to ensure that implementation of the review's recommendations does not result in additional administrative burden or cost-shifting to local governments, particularly in regional and remote areas with limited resourcing.

Carried

Motion number 14 City of Tea Tree Gully SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Include a seat at the table for representation from ALGA as a Member of the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council,
2. Reduce the current funding shortfall of \$5.7 billion enabling infrastructure required to bridge the gap between current constructions and Australia's housing targets,
3. Work with State and Local Government to ensure that the funding for housing is appropriately distributed among Local Government areas to address the needs for this infrastructure in our Local communities.

Carried

Motion number 15 Singleton Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to substantially increase direct Australian Government investment to councils for the construction of local enabling transport and community infrastructure and utilities critical to supporting national housing targets by unlocking and accelerating the delivery of housing on existing development-ready land.

Carried

Motion number 15.1 Maitland City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to substantially increase direct Australian Government investment to councils for the construction of local enabling transport and community infrastructure and utilities critical to supporting national housing targets by unlocking and accelerating the delivery of housing on existing development-ready land.

Carried

Motion number 16 Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a local infrastructure fund for local councils to unlock housing supply and supplement affordability that is targeted to regional communities with demonstrated needs.

Carried

Motion number 17 Brisbane City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide more financial support to help councils build the infrastructure needed to enable new housing.

Carried

Motion number 18 Logan City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide for full involvement of local government representatives as parties in decision making processes impacting on homelessness policy and funding including the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council and National Cabinet.

Carried

Motion number 19 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to advocate for targeted federal investment in local government workforce development programs, including apprenticeships, traineeships, and upskilling initiatives.

Carried

Motion number 20 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to commit to long-term, sustainable funding for local government community services, including seniors, disability and youth programs.

Carried

Motion number 21 Shire of Laverton WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the effectiveness of the 4G network following the withdrawal of the 3G network and where there was coverage under 3G, there is no coverage under the 4G or 5G and the impacts on rural and remote communities.

Carried

Motion number 22 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a Cybersecurity Resilience Fund to assist councils in strengthening digital security infrastructure and protecting community data.

Carried

Motion number 23 Moree Plains Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government take urgent and proactive action to provide an equitable level of services in communication and connectivity across all of Australia.

Carried

Motion number 24 Fraser Coast Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase funding to local governments for coastal protection and climate resilience in alignment with national climate adaptation strategies and emission reduction targets.

Carried

Motion number 25 Break O'Day Council TAS

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated Local Government Climate Action Fund to support councils in delivering place-based renewable energy initiatives and climate adaptation programs, including:

1. Financial incentives and grants for local councils to invest in community renewable energy projects, such as solar farms, battery storage, and microgrid solutions to enhance energy security and reduce reliance upon fossil fuels.
2. Supporting the development and implementation of local circular economy initiatives, including Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) programs, aimed at reducing to reduce landfill waste and lower emissions.
3. Funding energy efficiency retrofits for council-operated owned buildings, public infrastructure, low-income housing and local industries to reduce energy consumption and costs.
4. Facilitating sustainable transport initiatives, such as the expansion of electric vehicle charging networks and active transport infrastructure, to lower transport emissions. Initiatives to transition to sustainable transport and industry, such as electric vehicle charging networks, active transport infrastructure and opportunities for local economies to lower emissions and adapt to their climate futures.
5. Providing resources for climate risk assessments and adaptation planning to improve community resilience to extreme weather events. Providing resources for climate change adaptation, such as risk assessment and

planning and risk reduction programs and infrastructure, to improve community and economic resilience to the impacts of climate change such as extreme weather events, sea level rise and drought.

Carried

Motion number 26 City of Mitcham SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a National Solar Panel and Battery Recycling System.

Carried

Motion number 27 Port Macquarie-Hastings Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support Local Governments in addressing the need for Climate Adaptation initiatives, through formula-based funding that is provided to all Councils.

Carried

Motion number 28 Nillumbik Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate funding for adaptation measures at the local government level to allow the proactive asset betterment to build back better after disaster events.

Carried

Motion number 29 Nillumbik Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to enhance cooperation between national and local governments, and allocate sufficient funding to help enable Australia's greenhouse gas emissions to be rapidly reduced.

Carried

Motion number 30 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide targeted funding and policy support to enable councils to transition to renewable energy sources in council operations and community services.

Carried

Motion number 31 Snowy Valleys Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to mandate that all energy projects of State and National significance (such as hydro power, transmission lines, batteries and solar/wind farms) leave a lasting legacy fund to the communities that are impacted by such developments.

Carried

Motion number 32 Fraser Coast Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ban the importation and use of products containing PFAS-group chemicals by the end of 2026, rather than requiring local government and water service providers to upgrade treatment technology to protect community health and the environment from these chemicals. The ban should include products not covered by the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (cosmetics, personal care products, food packaging, clothing).

Carried

Motion number 33 Nillumbik Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase funding available to enable the recovery of all Threatened Species and Ecological Communities, and to support on-ground actions to track and inform priorities to support nationwide biodiversity.

Carried

Motion number 34 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to recognise and support local governments as key partners in biodiversity conservation efforts through dedicated funding and legislative frameworks.

Carried

Motion number 35 Northern Beaches Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government for legislative and policy reform to:

1. Develop a program to phase out the use of 'difficult to recycle' plastics such as soft plastics and polystyrene.
2. Develop and implement a national product stewardship scheme for plastics, where organisations that make and sell plastics also take responsibility for managing adverse impacts.
3. Support the plastic recycling sector by:
 - a. providing an appropriate level of funding to help build infrastructure to recover valuable materials from recyclable plastics.
 - b. developing sustainable markets for recovered plastics.

Carried

Motion number 36 Maroondah City Council VIC

That this National General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to:

- Lead the development of a nationally consistent Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) - in collaboration with all states and territories - to harmonise regulations, refund values, and operations across Australia, creating a uniform approach to container recycling; and
- Ensure that the National CDS is to include all glass beverage containers such as wine and spirit bottles, whilst exploring the expansion of the scheme to include glass jars used for food - thereby ensuring these containers are covered by deposit/refund incentives for recycling.

Carried

Motion number 37 Gladstone Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address the risks of battery disposal by:

1. Implementing appropriate battery product stewardship legislation, that includes extended producer responsibilities.
2. Moving to a mandatory national product stewardship scheme, to ensure all producers and importers of loose and embedded batteries are captured and contribute to the end-of-life risk mitigation and disposal and recovery costs.
3. Support local government efforts through funding, to manage and mitigate battery related risks to waste services and infrastructure.

Carried

Motion number 38 Moree Plains Shire Council NSW

That the Federal Government recognises the strategic national importance of increased investment in regional infrastructure to support local industry, jobs and regional economic and population growth, funding it accordingly.

Carried

Motion number 39 Isaac Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to expand the Net Zero Economy Authority (NZEA)'s remit to ensure all emissions intensive regions affected by the transition to net zero are eligible for support by way of broader 'emissions-intensive project closure plans' and/or community transition plans.

Carried

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Motion number 40 Frankston City Council VIC

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with States and Territories, in consultation with Local Government, to prioritise the decentralisation of government jobs and agencies beyond major cities.

Carried

Motion number 41 Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Include local government as a key stakeholder in the Intergovernmental Data Sharing Agreement (IGDSA) and to develop mechanisms that ensure the participation of local governments in the ongoing development and operation of this framework.
2. Provide greater support and resources to local councils to help them meet the expectations set by the Australian Government Data and Digital Strategy, enabling whole of government data framework adoption and development of the national data asset.

Carried

Motion number 42 Berrigan Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government to formalise structured and ongoing engagement with local government through the inclusion of an Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) representative as a permanent participant in National Cabinet meetings and associated subcommittees. Additionally, the Assembly urges the establishment of a Local Government Advisory Council as a dedicated forum to strengthen co-operation on shared national priorities.

Carried

Motion number 43 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Renegotiate the 2006 Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations to prevent cost shifting of Commonwealth and state government responsibilities onto Councils.
2. Introduce stronger controls in all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) that restrict the ability of state governments to diverge from the intent of the Commonwealth on similar topics, when states form their own IGA's with their respective local government organisations.

Carried

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Motion number 44 City of Onkaparinga SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore Financial Assistance Grants to at least one per cent of taxation revenue and for the provision of an additional once-off payment of \$3 billion to address the historical practice of paying these grants in advance.

Carried

Motion number 45 Hindmarsh Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a funding stream targeting small towns (up to 2,500 residents) in regional Australia, focused on innovative renewal for a sustainable future.

Carried

Motion number 46 Shire of Lake Grace WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the Financial Assistance Grants to local governments and recalculate distributions to those local governments in remote and rural locations that are providing financial incentives to assist in funds associated with attracting and retaining general practitioners, therefore redirecting ratepayer funds to local government responsibilities.

Carried

Motion number 47 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to harmonise the disparate application and relevancy of accounting standards for Local Government to ensure the consistency of the measurement and management of depreciation and the approach to valuation of associated non-current assets.

Carried

Motion number 48 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a National Royalties for Regions Framework to address current gaps and state-level inequities in the distribution of funding to mining-affected communities.

Carried

Motion number 49 Glen Innes Severn Council NSW

National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to adopt Place-Based, Needs-Based, and Outcome-Driven Funding Models, allocating a minimum of \$1,000 per

person annually for 10 years to each Local Government Area to strengthen councils as enablers of essential community and social services.

Lost

Motion number 50 Logan City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to investigate the need for the establishment of a National Local Government Funding Authority.

Carried

Motion number 51 Balonne Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to pay the Federal Assistance Grants to local governments in full at the beginning of each new financial year (in the year that they are due) to eliminate uncertainty and to mitigate significant surplus or deficit results caused by revenue recognition requirements.

Carried

Motion number 52 Strathfield Council NSW

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Remove the requirement on Councils to provide "co-contributions" to grant funded programs.
2. Mandate the provision of grant funding upfront, removing the need for Council to tie up already budgeted finances in anticipation of payment after program delivery.
3. Mandate that all Commonwealth and State government grant funded programs cannot exclude design related work from their eligible actions. Councils are not in the financial or operational position to develop considerable volumes of plans and designs, which then "sit on the shelf" waiting for an appropriate grant funding opportunity.

Carried

Motion number 53 Shoalhaven City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide adequate financial assistance, via Services Australia, to eligible ratepayers (Pension and Low-Income earner's) to assist with payments of council and water rates.

Financial assistance should be provided at an amount, or percentage, that reflects current level of rates and should be delivered via a more efficient and cost-effective mechanism, than is currently used.

Carried

Motion number 54 Shoalhaven City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider a percentage of Gross Regional Product collected as tax revenue from tourism industries to be distributed back to Local Government for the purposes of addressing asset maintenance.

Carried

Motion number 55 Isaac Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to

- a. Recognise full-time-equivalent (FTE) populations in funding models.
- b. Acknowledge the additional demands they place on communities.
- c. Ensure FTE data is considered when allocating grants.

Carried

Motion number 56 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to advocate to the state governments to review and reconsider rate capping policies, allowing councils to set rates based on local community needs and financial sustainability.

Carried

Motion number 57 Maranoa Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Review the current practice of applying variable funding contribution percentages within a single local government area under federal funding programs; and
2. Support a more equitable model that ensures consistent and higher percentage contributions (e.g. 80/20) from the Australian Government for regional, remote, and very remote areas, based on the broader classification of the local government area rather than the project's specific location within it.

Carried

Motion number 58 City of Karratha WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a revenue-sharing model that allocates a fair proportion of Commonwealth taxation revenue back to local governments in high-contributing regional areas to support their role in enabling national productivity. Returned revenue would be directed toward the delivery of social and community infrastructure, which is essential to sustaining the workforce and liveability conditions that underpin economic performance.

Carried

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion number 59 Blacktown City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to harmonise the curfews for all major metropolitan airports across Australia.

Lost

Motion number 60 Fraser Coast Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reinstate the 80/20 Federal Funding Model for road infrastructure projects.

Carried

Motion number 61 City of Adelaide SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider:

- Working with the Australian Local Government Association to develop a toolkit for local government areas to develop or update an active transport strategy.
- Working with the Australian Local Government Association to develop a framework and/or self-assessment tool for local government areas to audit their cycling/walking/active transport strategies.
- Providing federal funding support to develop these frameworks and tools.

Carried

Motion number 62 City of Adelaide SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider:

1. Working with the Australian Local Government Association to commit 30 per cent of journeys to school by active transport by 2030 (30 by 30).
2. Working with the Australian Local Government Association to developing an overarching action plan to support local government areas who also commit to '30 by 30'.
3. to work with the State and Territory Governments to prioritise the funding and delivery of drop-off/pick up areas, paths and crossings for schools, at no cost to local government, to help ensure safety for children and the community.

Carried

Motion number 63 City of Vincent WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with the State and Territory Governments to reduce the default speed limit in Australia on Residential Local Roads from 50km/h to 40km/h.

Lost

Motion number 64 Maribyrnong City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Increase Roads to Recovery Funding for all States, beyond the current projections to reflect the increasing demand on local roads;
2. Introduce a specific road safety component within Roads to Recovery to prioritise projects that address high-risk areas and accident blackspots;
3. Reintroduce a Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program;
4. Expand Roads to Recovery Eligibility to Support Road Safety Technology and Innovation;
5. Introduce a Forward Funding Model for Long-Term Planning; and
6. Increase Funding for Bridge and Intersection Upgrades.

Carried

Motion number 65 Penrith City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Develop a dedicated national infrastructure investment framework that ensures equitable funding for transport, roads, and essential infrastructure in outer metropolitan growth areas. It should include:
 - Recognising outer metropolitan growth areas as distinct regions requiring specific federal funding allocations.
 - Prioritising transport infrastructure investment, including strategic road networks, public transport expansion, and active transport options, to improve connectivity and reduce congestion.
 - Ensuring equitable access to social infrastructure, such as healthcare, education, and recreational facilities, to enhance liveability and economic participation.
 - Aligning infrastructure funding with population growth projections, to prevent the cycle of underinvestment and service shortfalls in rapidly expanding communities.
2. Increased investment in transport, roads, and essential infrastructure, to address the current chronic infrastructure deficits in these regions.

Carried

Motion number 66 Camden Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide funding to local councils to facilitate the acquisition of land and enable infrastructure development including social infrastructure and environmental protection.

Carried

Motion number 67 Noosa Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to collaborate with local governments to mandate road user agreements with industry, ensuring fair cost distribution among road users, including those responsible for increased freight loads that damage local government roads.

Carried

Motion number 68 Woollahra Municipal Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to better regulate the import, manufacture and classification of electronic powered cycle bikes (e-bikes) and other electronic mobility devices, some of which currently are able to travel at speeds equivalent to smaller motorbikes and mopeds. This measure is required to ensure e-bikes and electronic mobility devices are properly classified vehicles with national limits on their speed capacity and other restrictions necessary to protect the safety of users and the general public.

Carried

Motion number 69 Woollahra Municipal Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to prioritise new and increased funding for councils in order to ensure that they are able to plan for and provide adequate green spaces and community facilities before higher density development is approved.

Carried

Motion number 69.1 Whitehorse City Council VIC

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Investigate the impact of urban densification on the availability and quality of public open spaces, particularly in areas with low open space per person.
2. Examine whether densification genuinely delivers affordable housing given high rates of population growth.
3. Review the implications of government acquisition powers on public open space, highlighting the effect of compulsory acquisitions for infrastructure projects and their impact on local communities.

4. Advocate for stronger protections and policies to preserve and expand public open spaces in middle and outer-ring suburbs, recognising the environmental, social, and health benefits these areas provide.
5. Examine the impact of urban densification on physical and community infrastructure, such as schools, health services, drainage, and congestion on roads.
6. Engage with relevant stakeholders, including community groups and planning bodies, to identify best practices and policy recommendations for maintaining and enhancing open spaces in the face of urban growth.

Carried

Motion number 70 Moyne Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a permanent, indexed funding stream to close the \$1 billion annual local road maintenance gap, enhance the Roads to Recovery program to provide greater support for rural and regional councils based on road length and need, and expand funding for community infrastructure projects that strengthen economic activity, service delivery, and resilience in rural areas.

Carried

Motion number 71 West Arnhem Regional Council NT

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- a. Establish a dedicated Public Lighting Infrastructure Fund to support local governments in upgrading and modernising street lighting networks across Australia.
- b. Provide financial incentives and low-interest loans to accelerate the transition to energy-efficient LED street lighting, particularly in regions that have made limited progress to date.
- c. Develop national guidelines and standards for smart lighting technologies to ensure interoperability and maximise energy savings and safety benefits.
- d. Fund research and pilot projects exploring innovative public lighting solutions that can enhance community safety, reduce energy consumption, and support smart city initiatives.

Carried

Motion number 72 West Arnhem Regional Council NT

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Establish a dedicated funding program specifically for the upgrade and ongoing maintenance of unsealed road networks in regional and remote Australia
2. Allocate a minimum of \$200 million per annum for this program, indexed annually to account for inflation and construction cost increases.
3. Prioritise projects that demonstrate a clear link to improved community safety, enhanced economic opportunities, and increased access to essential services for residents in remote and isolated areas.
4. Work collaboratively with state and territory governments and local councils to develop streamlined application processes and reporting requirements for this funding program, minimising administrative burden and maximising the efficient use of resources.
5. Ensure that the funding allocation formula for this program takes into account the unique challenges faced by remote councils, including vast distances, low population densities, extreme weather conditions, and limited access to skilled labour and materials.

Carried

Motion number 73 Western Downs Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate a dedicated funding program to support the redevelopment and/or remediation of aquatic facilities.

Carried

Motion number 74 East Gippsland Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to expand access to the Roads of Strategic Importance Program to deliver vital road safety and industry transport links including food production for the south-east of Australia.

Carried

Motion number 75 Port Phillip City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to invest further in Australia's urban active and public transport infrastructure projects.

Carried

Motion number 76 Brisbane City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to enhance road safety through further driver education.

Carried

Motion number 77 Wyndham City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to join a unified call towards the development of very Fast Trains Between Major Cities.

Carried

Motion number 78 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to conduct a review of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to extend the "Farm Gate Access Program" to allow ad-hoc use of B-Doubles on low volume roads where appropriate.

Carried

Motion number 79 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide small and rural communities with no public transport with additional support to compensate.

Carried

Motion number 80 Livingstone Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to-

- a. Review the Building Code of Australia for wheelchair accessibility to address new wheelchair technology and increased dimensions; and
- b. Review the Australian Standards AS1428 Design for Access and Mobility to include wheelchair beach accessibility, technology and increased dimensions.

Carried

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion number 81 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide funding and resources to ensure every local council can develop and implement a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Carried

Motion number 82 Bathurst Regional Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Substantially increase investment in sovereign aerial firefighting assets and associated infrastructure in each state and territory to reduce reliance on leased international resources, ensuring year-round readiness to combat increasingly frequent and severe fire events.
2. Expand funding for the Disaster Ready Fund to address oversubscription and ensure councils have adequate resources to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, particularly bushfires, which disproportionately impact local communities and council resources.
3. Establish a permanent national grant program for local governments to enhance fire resilience through preventative measures, such as vegetation management, firebreak creation, community education programs, and improved infrastructure for fire suppression.

Carried

Motion number 83 Glen Eira City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Develop a National Urban Flood resilience strategy to coordinate federal, state and local governments and ensure a consistent, long-term approach to infrastructure renewal, especially in urban areas experiencing high growth.
2. Significantly increase funding to the Disaster Ready Fund to meet the growing demand from local governments for flood mitigation and resilience projects, acknowledging the significant oversubscription of the current program.
3. Establish a dedicated funding stream within the Disaster Ready Fund specifically for stormwater infrastructure upgrades and flood mitigation works in urban municipalities, ensuring equitable access to resilience funding beyond rural communities.
4. Promote nature-based solutions to improve water permeability in urban environments by investing in green infrastructure, permeable surfaces, and sustainable drainage systems to counteract the increased flood risk associated with increasing urban density and reduced natural infiltration.
5. Expand opportunities to improve the capacity and capability of local government to respond to the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events due to climate change.

Carried

Motion number 84 Maribyrnong City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Increase funding for research, development, and implementation of advanced Early Warning Systems across Australia to improve accuracy and timeliness of warnings;
2. Review and enhance the flood warning system with an emphasis on warning accuracy and timeliness;
3. Continue to promote the integration of early warning systems with emergency management frameworks and communication channels to enable stakeholder collaboration and seamless dissemination of warnings;
4. Consider the accessibility and needs of at-risk communities in system improvements, including the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community; and
5. Invest in accessible public education campaigns to raise awareness about effectively responding to warnings.
6. grant councils' access to the National Messaging System being developed by the National Emergency Management Agency to assist councils in managing local emergencies.

Carried

Motion number 85 Western Downs Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to make home insurance accessible and affordable for all Australians, regardless of their postcode.

Carried

Motion number 86 Whitsunday Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to emulate the community benefits and effectiveness of the National Cyclone Reinsurance Pool with a National Flood Reinsurance Pool.

Carried

Motion number 87 Brisbane City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- Simplify application and claims processes under DRFA to reduce the enormous administrative burden on Councils.
- Implement reasonable, fair and consistent assessment criteria for demonstration of damage to essential public assets such as roads and drainage.
- Accept substantiation documentation produced by existing local government asset and financial management systems (which are already subject to independent audit) rather than applying requirements which effectively mean the creation of inefficient and costly parallel processes and often manual records.

Carried

Motion number 88 Shire of Campaspe VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to mandate a resilient homes program with all State Governments to raise or retrofit residential properties at risk of flood inundation or other natural disasters, and which prioritises homeowners affected by disaster events since 2022 to build back better.

Carried

Motion number 89 Burdekin Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to invest in incentive programs that address the steady decline of volunteer numbers and implement initiatives to attract emergency management volunteers, improve training offered to volunteers ensuring they are adequately skilled, including in areas of leadership and that qualifications are portable nationally, and embrace and encourage spontaneous volunteers who may already hold relevant skills and qualifications

Carried

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Motion number 90 Blacktown City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Establish standardised definitions for common policy terms used across all jurisdictions to ensure consistent application of housing policy and legislation.
2. Prioritise standardisation of terms relating to housing policy as part of the National Housing Accord, including affordable housing, social housing, public housing, seniors housing, essential worker housing, and community housing.

Carried

Motion number 91 Fraser Coast Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with state, territory, and local governments to ensure that social, public, and community housing maintains at least its current proportion of the total housing stock, with new social and community homes being built at the same proportional rate as the broader housing stock.

Carried

Motion number 91.1 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to encourage investors back into the rental market to assist in the housing crisis as only 3% of housing is Community Housing with 90% being 'mum and dad' investors.

Lost

Motion number 92 Camden Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to specifically fund social, public and affordable housing for women in poverty and young people by supporting councils to work with the community housing sector, relevant community groups and developers to create innovative solutions close to activity centres and community services to address housing affordability and homelessness for these cohorts.

Carried

Motion number 93 Camden Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Provide a national infrastructure strategy that supports its housing targets and includes a funded infrastructure plan that is aligned with the housing growth; and
2. Ensure that the strategy and plan include the timely delivery of infrastructure that supports the development of new and growing communities.

Carried

Motion number 94 Glen Innes Severn Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to deliver a Land Development and Housing Construction Fund to Address the Housing Crisis.

Carried

Motion number 95 West Tamar Council TAS

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop and implement a National Property Disclosure Standard applicable to all real estate transactions across Australia.

Carried

Motion number 96 City of Sydney NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to encourage and fund Australian Councils to implement Affordable Housing Contribution Schemes to ensure Councils can better contribute to tackling the national housing crisis.

Lost

Motion number 97 Brisbane City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide improved national information databases through increased funding that governments and the private sector rely on to plan for new housing across Australia.

Carried

Motion number 98 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to call for the development of a National Homelessness Prevention Strategy, with local governments playing a key role in coordination, service provision, and community-based solutions.

Carried

Motion number 99 Central Coast Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to remove the double taxation on home insurance policies by working with the states to remove stamp duty or GST which are both charged making policies more affordable and equitable.

Carried

Motion number 100 North Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with the local government sector to review the Housing Australia Future Fund Act 2023 (HAFF) with a view to establishing a fixed portion of the HAFF to support investment in social, public, and affordable housing in regional and rural local government areas where there is demonstrated evidence of unmet housing need.

Carried

Motion number 101 Mount Alexander Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to compel and encourage the National Cabinet to adopt common policy approaches and strategic plans to resolve our affordable housing crisis through a national vision for urban, regional and rural planning policy. These should include but not be limited to measures which will inform our National Planning Reform Blueprint and deliver adequate housing to all Australians including:

- Adequate housing diversity
- Genuinely affordable housing options
- Adequate social, public and community housing
- Support for innovative housing solutions including co-housing and community-led models
- Ensure that local government is resourced adequately.
and for the government to fund a housing officer for councils who choose to deliver, to support the delivery of housing outcomes.

Carried

Motion number 102 City of Karratha WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reform Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) legislation to provide a 100% exemption for housing-related benefits-rent, home purchase costs, and mortgage interest-when paid from pre-tax income in designated mining-affected communities. The motion also calls for the creation of a new FBT category, "Remote Area - Mining Community," recognising regions impacted by volatile housing markets, fly-in-fly-out workforces, and commodity price cycles.

Carried

JOBS AND SKILLS

Motion number 103 Yarra Ranges Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to incentivize Regional University Study Hubs and where possible, leverage available LGA infrastructure, to provide support services with appropriate safeguards to local secondary and tertiary students who are learning by distance whether that learning is in Outer Urban, Regional or Rural and Remote areas nationwide."

Carried

Motion number 104 Camden Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with local councils and businesses to facilitate job ready skills and re-training opportunities for young people, women and older workers to positively contribute to the local economy.

Carried

Motion number 105 City of Greater Dandenong VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Recognise the critical role of local government in supporting Australia's manufacturing sector, particularly in regions like Greater Dandenong, which is home to significant industrial and advanced manufacturing precincts.
2. Partner with local government to implement the "A Future Made in Australia" plan by investing in local infrastructure, innovation hubs, and workforce development initiatives that directly support manufacturing precincts.
3. Support local government-led initiatives to strengthen supply chain resilience, including the development of regional logistics, warehousing, and digital infrastructure that enable efficient and sustainable manufacturing operations.
4. Ensure government procurement policies at all levels prioritise Australian-made products, particularly for infrastructure, health, energy, and defence projects, to strengthen sovereign manufacturing capability and protect jobs.
5. Support the transition to, and fund local government programs that facilitate the transition to, advanced and sustainable manufacturing, including clean energy technologies, automation, and digital innovation.
6. Collaborate with local government to deliver place-based workforce development strategies, including apprenticeships, TAFE partnerships, and upskilling programs tailored to the needs of local manufacturers.
7. Review and implement competitive tax settings and policy incentives to ensure Australian manufacturers can compete on a global scale.
8. Strengthen anti-dumping enforcement and trade protections in consultation with local government and industry stakeholders to safeguard local jobs and manufacturing competitiveness.
9. Establish a national-local government manufacturing taskforce to coordinate policy, funding, and planning efforts that support the long-term viability of manufacturing in local communities.

Carried

Motion number 106 Leeton Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement streamlined and expedited visa processes to attract and retain international health professionals, including doctors, nurses, and allied health workers, in regional areas to address critical workforce shortages.

Carried

Motion number 107 Leeton Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide local Councils with both the mandate and direct financial resourcing to provide local oversight to the PALM Scheme Program and provide contextual partner-based representation to employers (and workers) and provide temporary work rights for workers disengaged from the PALM Scheme who are residing and working in regional areas.

Carried

Motion number 108 Western Downs Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reform building certifier accreditation processes, to allow persons with appropriate equivalent competencies to become Building Certifiers and include Building Certification on the Occupation Shortage List.

Carried

Motion number 109 Huon Valley Council TAS

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop a 'Skills and Capability Framework' that sets out the capabilities and scope of practice for multi-disciplinary health care professionals (e.g. nurse-practitioners, paramedics, pharmacists). Against this framework, Medicare Billing Schedules (MBS) should adopt a block or blended funding model to allow all relevant health care professionals to bill the MBS for services delivered through a multi-disciplinary health care team. This will help ensure financial viability of medical services and improve patient access and health outcomes across regional and remote Australia.

Carried

Motion number 110 Federation Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide a funding support package to encourage planners, engineers, building surveyors to work in regional and rural councils.

Carried

Motion number 111 Brisbane City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide an environmental health skills and training package composed of funding, incentives and promotion initiatives to enable a sustainable long-term supply of qualified environmental health officers entering the workforce. The increasing discontinuation of environmental health courses within universities is limiting the supply of environmental health graduates available, particularly at the local government level. National strategies are required to support environmental health as a career of choice and to provide the necessary support to universities to ensure that the provision of environmental health courses remains viable.

Carried

Motion number 112 Warrnambool City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to expand the skills and training aspects of its 'Future Made in Australia' plan to better support workers who are willing to learn and live in the same region that they work.

Carried

Motion number 113 Forbes Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government and all State and Territory Governments to amend current education and training laws to allow school students to leave school at the age of 16 to undertake full-time TAFE apprenticeships. This change would provide an earlier transition into the workforce, help address Australia's critical skills shortages and offer an alternative education pathway for students who may not thrive in a traditional academic setting. The reform should include appropriate safeguards such as mandatory career counselling, secure apprenticeship placements before leaving school, and ongoing mentoring to ensure student success.

Carried

Motion number 114 Knox City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to fund an “earn and learn” program that targets areas of skills-shortage and attracts job seekers to access training and employment programs within the Local Government sector.

Carried

Motion number 115 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to extend financial support for the delivery of health services and equipment in rural and remote communities using a place-based and cooperative approach with local government.

Carried

Motion number 116 City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to undertake a full review of the Modified Monash Model (MMM) classification for health and aged care and develop a new model that will incentivise more doctors and other health professionals to regional areas in Australia.

Carried

Motion number 117 City of Onkaparinga SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support local government action to combat misinformation and disinformation. This includes funding to support local government to continue providing the spaces and programs that build civic engagement and trust, as well as appropriate multi-level information sharing and training to enable better preparation for disinformation narratives and events.

Carried

Motion number 117.1 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide additional resources and support to local government, in consort with the Australian Federal Police, to proactively manage the increasing operational impacts and associated community risks associated with the burgeoning Sovereign Citizen movement and other fringe anti-government movements.

Carried

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Motion number 118 Glen Eira City Council VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to strengthen and invest in community services by:

1. Fostering community safety and social cohesion through dedicated funding streams and resources for local councils to implement evidence-based community safety initiatives that promote social cohesion and inclusivity. These initiatives may include infrastructure improvements (e.g. improved lighting, clear and effective signage, graffiti removal, safer pedestrian routes), delivery of events, community engagement programs, and anti-discrimination measures.
2. Enhancing the prevention of family violence through sustained and long-term investment in primary prevention initiatives, tailored funding for support services and resources, including long-term housing, ongoing counselling, employment services, and legal and financial support. As one example, federal tax revenue from alcohol sales could be directed to support the delivery of targeted alcohol rehabilitation and responsive domestic and family violence services.
3. Improving community wellbeing through:
 - a. ensuring more inclusive and accessible public spaces
 - b. expanding funding for mental health support services and social cohesion programs
 - c. partnering with councils to deliver sustainable, local programs that address the impacts of rising living costs and support climate action, with a particular focus on supporting the most vulnerable in our communities, and
 - d. delivering increased funding to support homelessness services and prevention initiatives, ensuring individuals receive assistance before reaching crisis levels.

Carried

Motion number 119 Camden Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to specifically fund the establishment of integrated, co-located hubs of community services delivery in growth areas as one-stop-shops to bring services to where people are through effective partnerships and collaborative approaches.

Carried

Motion number 120 Dungog Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the fiscal arrangements affecting the sustainability of essential services provided by Licensed Post Offices and Mail Delivery Contractors and establish terms for financial sustainability with the postal services and those provided on behalf of the government.

Carried

Motion number 121 City of Greater Bendigo VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Legislate the right to food in Australia and embed this right into all relevant national, state and local government policies, budgeting processes and activities.
2. Develop a National Food System Plan and appoint a Minister of Food to lead its development, implementation and evaluation. Such a Plan should provide for food security, including nutritional security of the nation and its people. It should have clear objectives and measurable targets set out in action plans and be subject to regular review. It should apply a food systems approach to account for the complex relationships involved from farm to fork, and foster relationships and synergies between government, relevant industries and civil society, and the community.
3. Facilitate resources to enable local governments to complete their own place-based food security data collection and evaluation, and to lead the participatory development of community food system strategies.
4. Increase income support payments, including Jobseeker, to above the poverty line and index them to wage growth, consistent with a rights-based and income-first approach to food security.
5. Recognise that whilst essential, emergency food relief is not the single solution to food insecurity. Instead, work with state and local governments and the food relief sector to develop new coordinated and collaborative approaches to improve dignified, affordable access to fresh and healthy food.
6. Support the development and implementation of regular (at least every two years) and comprehensive monitoring against the 6 dimensions of food security in Australia. This will assist active responses to changing needs and emerging issues that may impact food security, such as the rising cost of living and poverty rates. It should account for food security measures for both adults and children.

Lost

Motion number 122 Brimbank City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit to implementing all thirty-two recommendations of the report by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs inquiry into online gambling and its impacts on those experiencing gambling harm in full.

Carried

Motion number 123 Moyne Shire Council VIC

That the National General Assembly congratulates the Australian Government for developing a national early years reform strategy released in April 2025 and urges the government to implement the recommendations as soon as possible

Carried

Motion number 124 Frankston City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to properly reimburse local governments for citizenship ceremonies noting costs such as marketing, venue hire, special guest speakers, materials, gifts, certificates, certificate frames, catering, staff (often at overtime rates), security, photographers.

Carried

Motion number 125 City of Kingston VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider a range of adjustments and enhancements to Commonwealth support for local government as a major provider of in-home aged care.

We urge the Commonwealth to engage with us to address issues which currently threaten the viability of in-home aged care services, including, but not limited to:

- Inadequate funding of case management
- Excessive focus on compliance administration, at the cost of time available to provide direct care
- Counter-intuitive pricing of package levels, which provide no incentive to offer the necessary level of care to high-needs clients
- The lack of any dementia supplement within the Support At Home program
- Pressure on providers to seek individual pricing consent with no mechanism for dealing with situations where consent is not provided
- The difficulties and barriers to providing services to clients with higher acuity, complex mental health needs, housing or financial issues
- The enforcement-focused model which provides few if any positive incentives to improve performance against standards
- The failure to share any of the significant costs of transition and service transformation
- The absence of any measures which assist in growing the attractiveness of employment in the in-home care sector.

Carried

Motion number 126 City of Kingston VIC

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to acknowledge the role that local governments play in addressing the cost-of-living crisis through the sector's support for community food banks, homelessness services and the shifting of many of the costs of in-home aged care to local government.

- In particular, we urge the Commonwealth to increase the real value of all social security payments so that recipients can afford to buy food after their unavoidable living expenses have been met.
- We urge the Commonwealth to recognise the important role of food banks by increasing the funding available to charities working with local government to provide food to those living in poverty due to joblessness, ill health, disability, age or social isolation.
- Provide the Federal Government with other Cost of Living Relief options as researched by institutions and think tanks.

Carried

Motion number 127 Shellharbour City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to commit a further 5% of its health budget to investing in preventative health measures.

Carried

Motion number 128 Randwick City Council NSW

This National General Assembly of Local Government calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Ensure that programs to fund meaningful wage increases to Early Childhood Education and Care and Residential Aged Care Workers continue beyond 2025 and 2026, including workers employed in the Local Government Sector;
2. Continue working with all relevant stakeholders to address Gender Based Undervaluation and ensure the pay and conditions of workers in traditionally feminised industries properly reflect the value of the work, skills and responsibility required and / or the conditions under which the work is performed;
3. Allocate funds to support councils in delivering and expanding our services in these areas to address the growing needs of our communities amidst the increasing cost of living and sectoral crises.

Carried

Motion number 128.2 Penrith City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the hourly rate contribution subsidy of \$23.00 for an Additional Educator under the Inclusion Development Fund program.

Carried

Motion number 129 Paroo Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the level of subsidy available to aged care accommodation facilities with less than 20 residents to enable such facilities to provide a service to rural and remote communities. Due to limited revenue raising capacity, smaller facilities require additional financial support to cover increased regulatory requirements and the costs of specialist staffing.

Carried

Motion number 130 Wollongong City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address chronic shortages in residential aged care beds which is having a severe impact on health services and communities across Australia.

Carried

Motion number 131 City of Darwin NT

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a publicly-funded residential care operator in Australia, with the first facilities built in regional areas of high need in partnership with aged care providers.

Carried

Motion number 132 Shire of Ashburton WA

This National General Assembly acknowledges the 2024 motion calling for a feasibility assessment of a banking model to restore face-to-face banking services in regional Australia, with findings to be presented at the 2025 Assembly.

Following this, a detailed study commissioned by the Shire of Ashburton has identified the most suitable model to support banking access in remote communities.

This Assembly now calls on the Australian Government to:

- Endorses the findings of the Local Government Bank feasibility study and the preferred banking model as a viable solution to restore and sustain banking services in regional and remote communities.
- Calls on the Australian Government to support a more detailed study into the financial, operational, and technical aspects of implementing this model, including risk assessment, regulatory compliance, cost analysis, resource requirements, and scalability.
- Urges the Australian Government to explore partnership agreements with licensed financial institutions to utilise Local Government assets for service delivery.
- Recommends the investigation of expanding Bank@Post services in remote communities as part of the broader initiative to improve regional banking access.
- Calls on the Australian Government to subsidise the costs incurred by residents in regional and remote communities to access the limited transactional banking services available, ensuring affordability and equitable access to financial services.

Carried

Motion number 133 Paroo Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the regulations governing day care centres in rural and remote locations with a specific focus on:

- relaxing the qualifications required for all staff; and
- streamlining necessary regulatory and compliance measures to ensure fit for purpose models for rural and remote communities.

Lost

Motion number 134 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop a National Mental Health Support Strategy, with local government collaboration to improve accessibility to mental health services at the community level.

Carried

Motion number 135 Wyndham City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement the Recommendations of the Multicultural Framework Review.

Carried

Motion number 136 Logan City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to fund a grant program to support local governments to establish multicultural centres in fast growing regions across Australia.

Carried

Motion number 137 Forbes Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently review and amend the National Health Act 1953 and the associated Pharmacy Location Rules. The proposed amendments should promote fair competition, support independent pharmacy ownership, and expanded scope of practice for pharmacists, and improve accessibility, particularly in rural and under-served areas.

Carried

Motion number 138 Mount Alexander Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to ensure rural and remote communities have access to the medical care they need by maximising place-based allied health services in the regions.

Carried

Motion number 139 Shire of Campaspe VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to promote how and where people can access sexual and reproductive healthcare across regional and rural Australia.

Carried

CLOSING THE GAP AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECONCILIATION

Motion number 140 Blayney Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review and update the process for assessing and considering applications under section 10 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984, including;

- How to consult with all Aboriginal groups and gain a full and balanced understanding of the cultural significance of the application area,
- How to take into consideration the beliefs of all sections of the aboriginal community when making a determination,
- Determination of the ramifications of a reduction in job opportunities for Aboriginal people if a project falls under a section 10 declaration,
- Involving and consulting with local government for the section 10 process,
- How to examine what impacts a determination will have on local government in the declared area and their community assets before a determination is made,
- Review of the financial ramifications on local government if a determination is made,
- Providing a compensation fund for impacted communities and local governments if a declaration is made,
- Development of a method to take the National interest into account before a section 10 is declared.

Carried

Motion number 141 City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to lead culturally appropriate consultation and develop a nation-wide plan with First Nations people to address their requirements for fit-for-purpose temporary accommodation models and wrap-around support.

Carried

Motion number 142 Roper Gulf Regional Council NT

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider Local Government Councils as Aboriginal Controlled Organisations in its Indigenous Procurement Policy, if individual Councils have >51% of their Elected Members comprising of Aboriginal People.

Carried

Motion number 143 Newcastle City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Establish a dedicated funding stream for local government to implement community-led strategies and projects directly addressing Closing the Gap priority areas as outlined in the National Agreement. This funding must support place-based, culturally appropriate programs that improve outcomes in priority areas such as early childhood, housing, employment, and community safety.
2. Invest in resolving prolonged Aboriginal Land Claims to reduce distress among First Nations communities, unlock economic opportunities, and ensure timely determinations that uphold the principles of self-determination and land justice.
3. Strengthen accountability mechanisms by introducing an independent oversight process to monitor all levels of government on their progress towards Closing the Gap targets.
4. Commit to genuine partnerships with First Nations organisations and local governments to ensure that funding and policy decisions are aligned with the needs of communities, particularly in areas where community-controlled service delivery has proven successful.
5. Ensure transparency in data collection and reporting to track progress on Closing the Gap initiatives, particularly in critical areas such as Indigenous incarceration, child protection, and suicide prevention, where current approaches are failing.

Carried

Motion number 144 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to amend the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act) so that Indigenous corporations are regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) the same as non-Indigenous corporations.

Carried

Motion number 145 Torres Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work in partnership with First Nations councils and communities to increase long-term investment in transport infrastructure, prioritising all-weather road connectivity, to improve year-round access and resilience in remote First Nations communities. The Assembly urges a comprehensive review and expansion of Federal funding provided for sea and air transport subsidies also, particularly in remote areas where communities face disproportionate freight costs and chronic social equity issues.

Carried

DATA, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY

Motion number 146 City of Prospect SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Develop a policy framework for the use of Artificial Intelligence tools (including but not limited to Large Language Model Artificial Intelligence Tools and Utilities) by member councils.
2. Ensure that such a policy framework include guidance on disclosure requirements for reports and documents produced by councils using Artificial Intelligence tools.
3. That the Federal Government provide a report back to Local Governments on what community consultation has been done to develop a shared vision for the use of Artificial Intelligence in our nation, and what regulations have been put in place to protect this shared vision.

Carried

Motion number 147 Frankston City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide more clarity and direction on the use of blockchain as an efficiency tool for local government. This is to include ethical and grant-acquittal suitability insofar local governments utilising blockchain technologies.

Carried

Motion number 148 Frankston City Council VIC

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ensure that social media providers implement the necessary requirements to comply with the *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024*, within the designated 12-month timeframe. The Federal Government should fund organisations, such as SmackTalk to deliver key educational initiatives, including the provision of free awareness sessions to schools, businesses, and community groups, addressing the risks of social media.

Carried

Motion number 149 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop a national framework to guide and support councils in adopting digital transformation strategies for improved service delivery and governance, while protecting and strengthening jobs in local government.

Carried

Motion number 150 Logan City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to invest in the dark fibre network in metropolitan and regional areas with a focus on local government key major activity centres and economic hubs.

Carried

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Motion number 151 Maribyrnong City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Establish programs to assist communities in transitioning to electrified homes, prioritizing vulnerable and low-income households;
2. Create a program that prioritises raising the energy efficiency of the lowest efficiency homes particularly to support vulnerable households with cost-of-living and providing a safe, comfortable living environment;
3. Provide financial incentives, grants, and subsidies for the adoption of energy-efficient electric appliances and systems;
4. Offer educational resources and workshops to inform residents about the benefits of electrification and how to achieve it;
5. Work collaboratively with state governments, industry stakeholders, and community organizations to secure funding, resources, and technical expertise for the transition;
6. Advocate for policies and regulations that support the adoption of renewable energy and electrification at all levels of government;
7. Establish a framework for regular monitoring and reporting on the progress of the transition to renewable electricity and community electrification; and
8. Ensure transparency and accountability by publishing annual progress reports and engaging with the community through public consultations and feedback sessions.

Carried

Motion number 152 Newcastle City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Maintain its support for the development of offshore wind projects as part of Australia's transition to a low-carbon economy.
2. Recognise the potential of offshore wind energy to contribute significantly to national energy security, with projects such as Novocastrian Wind demonstrating the capacity to generate over two gigawatts of electricity-equivalent to powering 1.2 million homes.
3. Support the development of domestic offshore wind manufacturing hubs at key ports, such as the Port of Newcastle, to drive economic growth, create long-term employment opportunities, and ensure Australia maximises local content in the renewable energy supply chain.
4. Work with state and territory and local governments to invest in infrastructure upgrades that facilitate the transport and deployment of renewable energy components, ensuring efficient supply chains for Renewable Energy Zone projects nationwide.
5. Develop a national Renewable Energy Workforce Strategy to support skills training and job creation in offshore wind and related industries, ensuring a just transition for workers in traditional energy sectors.
6. Reaffirm its commitment to renewable energy as the foundation of Australia's future energy mix and continue to prohibit the establishment of nuclear energy generation, recognising its high costs, risks, and long lead times compared to renewables.

Carried

Motion number 153 Newcastle City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Establish and fund a national network of Local Energy Hubs, providing funding to support regional communities in navigating the clean energy transition.
2. Ensure Local Energy Hubs are independent, regionally based service centres, staffed by trusted local experts, to provide clear and accessible information on renewable energy projects, household energy efficiency, and community-led energy initiatives.
3. Develop Energy Hubs Australia as a national coordinating body to support knowledge sharing, collaboration, and technical assistance for Local Energy Hubs, similar to existing models such as Landcare and Regional Development Australia.
4. Recognise Local Energy Hubs as a key mechanism to strengthen social licence for renewable energy infrastructure, facilitating community engagement in transmission, solar, wind, and storage projects, and countering misinformation about the energy transition.
5. Support Local Energy Hubs in delivering targeted programs that:
 - a. Help farmers and regional businesses develop decarbonisation plans and reduce energy costs.
 - b. Promote household electrification and energy efficiency upgrades, increasing uptake of existing government incentives.
 - c. Facilitate community-led energy projects, such as shared solar and battery storage initiatives.
 - d. Provide First Nations communities with tailored support for off-grid renewable solutions and negotiations with energy companies.
 - e. Integrate Local Energy Hubs with the work of the Net Zero Authority to ensure alignment with national decarbonisation strategies and community engagement initiatives.

Carried

Motion number 154 Newcastle City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to lead the delivery of place-based, whole-of-government policy and planning to support mining-affected regions in transitioning to net zero economies. This should include:

1. A clear vision and strategic plan for each mining-affected region's economic evolution, ensuring long-term prosperity and job creation.
2. A national coordinating entity with the authority to direct cross-government and agency efforts, reducing duplication and improving policy alignment.
3. Adequate funding and resources to support:
 - a. Communities adversely impacted by the transition to a net zero economy through workforce retraining and economic diversification.
 - b. The use of city and regional deals as mechanisms to attract investment and coordinate sustainable development.
4. Support for and investment in circular economy solutions, driving innovation, resource efficiency, and sustainable industry development.
5. Clear and certain planning pathways for the adaptive reuse of mining and industrial lands to create new, high-value jobs in renewable energy, technology, and advanced manufacturing.
6. A formal commitment to local government representation in decision-making processes affecting local and regional communities, ensuring transparency and community engagement.

Carried

Motion number 155 City of Perth WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement a national program to support renewable energy and energy efficiency in existing buildings to reduce carbon emissions, and lower living costs for vulnerable communities.

The program may include:

1. Coordinated efforts across the Australian Government, State, and local governments to scale retrofitting, especially for apartment buildings.
2. Funding programs, tax incentives, and grants to support retrofitting, and renewable energy interventions.
3. Policies and funding measures to promote retrofitting and renewable energy projects in the existing apartments through local government support.

The Assembly further calls for prioritising this climate and socio-economic opportunity to deliver comprehensive community benefits across the country.

Carried

Motion number 156 Maitland City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to directly support the acceleration of local government actions that address imminent and substantial job losses arising from large scale industry closures in regional economies rapidly transforming to net zero by:

1. Clearly identifying and establishing a single Federal Government Minister and Agency with responsibility for delivering funding and coordinating the provision of broader agency resources directly to Council led initiatives.
2. Directly investing in Council led, place-based initiatives that Pilot reactivation and repurposing of current and former mining lands and infrastructure to create urgently needed new employment lands.
3. De-risk industry investment and strategically inform and accelerate industry attraction, skills development and job creation.

Carried

Motion number 157 Cabonne Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support communities to become energy independent and resilient through renewable energy and ensure the transition considers reliability, sustainability and affordability in regional communities.

Carried

Motion number 158 Warrnambool City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a uniform Community Benefit Fund in each Australian municipality that hosts or directly supports large scale energy projects, to be administered by Local Government, and with mandatory contributions made by each developer.

Carried

Motion number 159 Wakefield Regional Council SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to prioritise its support for the establishment of a renewable fuel industry in Australia, with the aim of providing locally produced alternative fuels for industries such as heavy transport, mining, agriculture and construction (including local government civil construction), where electrification is not a realistic option.

Carried

Motion number 160 Paroo Shire Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to embed in its regulatory framework a compulsory Code of Conduct for the Australian Carbon Farming Industry to safeguard that carbon farming activities are environmentally sustainable, socially responsible, and economically viable.

Carried

At 5:00 pm the Assembly voted to continue debating motions for an additional 15 minutes.

The following (23) motions were debated at the NGA indicatively, as quorum was lost and therefore were referred to the ALGA Board for consideration.

Motion number 161 City of Cockburn WA

This National Assembly calls on the Australian Government to amend the National Construction Code and implement a blanket ban on the use of dark coloured roofing materials to alleviate the urban heat island effect (UHI), particularly in newer suburbs.

***Indicative lost (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

ENVIRONMENT

Motion number 162 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently implement the National Established Weeds Priority (NEWP) framework to manage biosecurity (weeds) risks with an associated focus on updating the Australian Weeds Strategy 2017-2027 and Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity to focus on harmonisation of Biosecurity (Weeds) legislation across mainland States and Territories.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 163 Noosa Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the *Waste Reduction Act 2020*, to better equip the Act to address the current and future circular economy needs and to address resource recovery and waste challenges. This includes the viability of soil remediation within the circular economy to encourage social and environmental best sustainable practice at local level to contribute to healthier communities, sustainable development, housing, and responsible resource management.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 164 Woollahra Municipal Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to step up its efforts to protect significant waterways and coastal waters by accelerating the rollout of state-of-the-art wastewater treatment systems and spearheading the establishment of new marine parks, particularly in and around urban coastal areas.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 165 Brisbane City Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to collect information through the Australian Census for data information about pet ownership, particularly around domestic animals (dogs, cats, chickens, birds, etc).

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 166 Narrabri Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to develop a nationally accessible Companion Animals Register.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 167 Bega Valley Shire Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with each State Government to develop Bi-lateral Agreements that allow the EPBC Act to “turn off” requirements of state based environmental legislation, when the same species or ecosystem type requires assessment under both Federal and State Legislation.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 168 Lake Macquarie City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a regulatory environment allowing for the adaptive reuse of mining related sites that balances future employment generation and environmental stewardship.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 169 Sunshine Coast Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase funding to local governments for litter management programs to address the environmental, amenity, and financial impacts of roadside litter by targeting products or services which generate common roadside waste such as plastics, wrappers, cigarettes and vapes.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 170 Loddon Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to put Basin communities at the heart of Basin Plan delivery and future water reform by ceasing the damaging water purchase programs in our irrigation districts. Water purchasing programs will lead to job losses, put food production in our region at risk and will add to the cost of living crisis. We call on the Australian Government to instead engage with communities and local governments to deliver a long-term sustainable future for food growing and manufacturing in the Basin, and to ensure improved environmental outcomes for all the Basin's valued riverine and floodplain ecosystems.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 173 Sunshine Coast Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to expand the support provided to local governments in fire ant eradication and suppression treatment areas to include financial support for resources allocated to meeting general biosecurity obligations for fire ants.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 174 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to advocate for increased federal funding for urban greening initiatives, including tree planting programs and green space enhancements in local communities.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 175 Whitsunday Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate dedicated funding and resources for Local Governments to support the implementation of the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 176 Snowy Valleys Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ensure that blackberries be considered as a priority weed and controlled for all Local Government Areas across Australia.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 177 Town of Bassendean WA

This National General Assembly:

1. Requests the Australian Government to take urgent action to legislate to restrict the sale nationally of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs).
2. Requests the Australian Government, as a priority, to curtail the use of SGAR's in all Commonwealth national parks, reserves and property administered by the government and/or it's agents as a first step towards a legislative ban or restricted sale of SGAR's.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Motion number 178 Blacktown City Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Adopt broader legislative change to introduce right to repair laws
2. Adopt legislative change to mandate that electronic and electronic items have a repairability index
3. Remove GST from repair services.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 179 Noosa Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to commit to conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the implementation of a policy similar to the European Union's Urban Wastewater Treatment and Reuse framework, as part of Australia's efforts to achieve its Zero Pollution goals.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 180 Noosa Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to undertake a comprehensive review into the end of waste criteria for resource recovery products against the specification for materials used in federal, state, and local infrastructure projects.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 182 Town of Claremont WA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with state, territory, and local governments to:

1. Develop a National Recycled Materials Market Development Strategy that includes:
 - a. Investment incentives for manufacturers using recycled content
 - b. Mandatory recycled content procurement targets for all levels of government
 - c. Research and development support for new recycled material applications
 - d. Funding for regional recycling hubs that can achieve economies of scale
2. Establish a nationally consistent regulatory framework for the circular economy that:
 - a. Harmonises definitions, standards, and end-of-waste criteria across jurisdictions
 - b. Implements a national contamination standard for recyclable materials
 - c. Streamlines approval processes for recycling facilities and technologies
 - d. Expands mandatory product stewardship schemes for priority materials
3. Create a dedicated National Organics Recovery Program that:
 - a. Supports the expansion of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection systems
 - b. Develops nationally consistent quality standards for processed organics
 - c. Invests in regional-scale organics processing infrastructure
 - D. Removes regulatory barriers to beneficial use of processed organics in agriculture, landscaping, and land rehabilitation.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 183 Strathfield Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Develop a national Circular Economy Strategy with targeted funding and regulatory support for local governments.
2. Provide direct financial assistance to local councils to invest in circular economy initiatives, including infrastructure, waste reduction programs, and local circular business partnerships.
3. Strengthen producer responsibility schemes to reduce waste at its source and incentivise circular design.
4. Standardise national procurement policies to prioritise recycled and sustainable materials across all levels of government.
5. Facilitate knowledge-sharing networks and provide capacity-building support for councils to implement circular economy principles effectively.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

OTHER ISSUES

Motion number 186 Darebin City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- Confirm its commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of Agenda 2030.
- Deliver a program to support local governments to adopt the UN SDG Framework and integrate consideration of the Goals into Council Plans and other key strategic documents.
- Deliver a grant program to support local governments to fund actions aligned with the SDG commitments developed through their strategic objectives.
- Create a reporting framework that local government can participate in to record and demonstrate the collective action on the SDGs across the country.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 187 Tamworth Regional Council NSW

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to immediately apply resources to investigate and thwart the increases in cigarette and vape stores establishing in the regions around Australia selling illegal foreign products harmful to the health of Australians and detrimental to the Commonwealth's taxation revenues and established businesses that currently sell legal products.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

Motion number 192 City of Greater Dandenong VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Acknowledge Greater Dandenong City Council as Secretariat of the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum on behalf of the following councils that are members:
 - a. Executive Members - Blacktown City Council, Brimbank City Council, Casey City Council, Darebin City Council, Hume City Council, Kingston City Council, Monash City Council, Merri-bek City Council, Wyndham City Council, Yarra City Council
 - b. General Members - Ararat Rural City Council, City of Ballarat, Banyule City Council, Blue Mountains City Council, City of Canterbury Bankstown, Hawkesbury City Council, Hobsons Bay City Council, Inner West Council, Maribyrnong City Council, Melbourne City Council, Moonee Valley City Council, Newcastle City Council, Nillumbik Shire Council, Orange City Council, City of Port Adelaide Enfield, Randwick City Council, Surf Coast Shire, City of West Torrens, City of Whittlesea; and
 - c. Supporter Councils - Albury City Council, City of Greater Bendigo, Cardinia Shire Council, City of Greater Geelong, City of Port Phillip, City of Hobart, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Queenscliff Borough Council, Wellington Shire Council, City of Wagga Wagga, and
2. Provide people seeking asylum with a valid visa and the opportunity to work while they await decisions on their protection application, including automating the bridging renewal process. By providing people work rights, they can contribute skills to Australia, remain independent in society and stay engaged in the asylum process.
3. Expand the eligibility criteria of the Status Resolution Support Services program to ensure people's basic needs are met, including health care, accommodation, crisis support, so people in need can live safely and not in destitution and deep poverty.
4. Grant permanent visas to people who have been previously refused a visa via the unfair 'Fast Track' process. Ending the uncertainty, by providing a pathway to permanency to the 7,700 people, will at last resolve the matter, enabling them to rebuild their lives.

***Indicative carried (noting there was no quorum present for the vote)**

At 5:15 pm the additional time allocated for debate had expired and the below (9) motions were resolved to be sent to the ALGA Board for consideration.

The following motions were not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 171 Nillumbik Shire Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase grant funding and investment of infrastructure to support the delivery of their National Feral Deer Action Plan 2023, which aims to limit the spread of feral deer into new areas and reduce their negative impacts on agriculture, communities and the environment.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 172 Cabonne Council NSW

That this National General Assembly call on Australian Government to develop a national water strategy in conjunction with local government, state and territory government and agencies to increase its commitment to water security to ensure local water authorities can future-proof water resources, preparing for droughts and building sustainable water networks.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 181 Glen Innes Severn Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support implementation of the Australian Biochar Industry 2030 Roadmap, the world's first such roadmap to provide concurrent action on energy, climate, sustainability and circular economy across the Australian economy, providing potential new 'green' jobs in regional and urban communities, and upcycling more than 50 million tonnes per year of carbon-based biowastes into valuable biochar for agriculture and industry, and liquids and syngas for energy and renewable fuels. Supporting the roadmap also helps satisfy recommendations of the Circular Economy Ministerial Advisory Group's (CEMAG) final report to prioritise market development for biochar and would be in line with significant international movements such as in Denmark.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 184 City of Darwin NT

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review regional waste processing to identify opportunities for more innovative waste processing approaches by councils, including waste aggregation and transfers to more advanced recycling facilities and alternative technology facilities including waste to energy.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 185 Hume City Council VIC

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to better support the community that is suffering due to increased cost of living expenses.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 188 City of Adelaide SA

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government, in the context of Scope 3 of the Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards - Disclosure of Climate-related Financial Information, to amend its mandate requiring tenancy only in 6-star rated new builds, so that, subject to conversion, existing building stock could qualify for being leased as office space for Commonwealth agencies, to serve the dual purpose of:

1. Incentivising inner city property owners to invest in renovation and conversion of existing building stock, and
2. Avoiding the continued and increasing loss of carbon embodied in existing buildings.

Motion not debated at the NGA 225 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 189 City of Melbourne VIC

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government's Productivity Commission to investigate the current and future productivity of Australia's cities and towns, and their competitiveness compared to global peers. Specifically, this should include the efficiency and appropriateness of current finance and governance arrangements as it relates to infrastructure and service delivery.

Motion not debated at the NGA 225 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 190 South Burnett Regional Council QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reduce red tape and regulations imposed upon non-profit organisations. For example, food safety standards - lesser standard of compliance for NFP groups, insurance, compliance, minimise Financial Reporting.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.

Motion number 191 Snowy Valleys Council NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to hold a Royal Commission into the handling of COVID-19.

Motion not debated at the NGA 2025 given quorum was lost and time for debate expired.