

11 September 2025 ALGA Board Meeting Communique

The ALGA Board met on Thursday 11 September 2025 at the ALGA Board room in Canberra.

The Board heard an update on the success of the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), the most well attended NGA to date. To build on this success, the Board discussed plans and improvements for the 2026 NGA including motions, and endorsed advocacy to the federal Government for the return of the Australian Council of Local Government in 2026.

The Board endorsed the forward plan and approach to ALGA's 2026-27 Pre-Budget Submission, which will reflect and build on ALGA's existing policy positions and key activities. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining a primary focus on local government financial sustainability and the role of local government in unlocking national productivity.

The Board discussed ALGA's financial activities, including a long-term financial plan with options to ensure the ongoing viability of ALGA. The Board endorsed ALGA's audited financial reports.

The ALGA President provided an update on engagement with Government and members in the context of the Economic Reform Roundtables. The President also outlined continued engagement on housing, climate adaptation, regulation, disaster management, and Closing the Gap.

The State and Territory Presidents presented reports highlighting emerging national and jurisdictional issues, such as the need for ongoing advocacy for the financial sustainability of Local Government to respond to increasing pressures related to housing, emergency management, climate change, roads, transport and community infrastructure.

The Board received an update on the national Skills Audit and Jobs Survey (which opened on 2 September) and the upcoming National Local Roads Transport and Infrastructure Congress, which will be held in Bendigo on the 11-12 November 2025.

The ALGA Board will next meet on Monday 10 November 2025 in Bendigo Victoria ahead of the National Local Roads Transport and Infrastructure Congress.