



## 14. NOTICES OF MOTION

**I, Councillor Marcus Pearl, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 6 April 2022:**

That Council:

1. Supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs; and
2. Continues to advocate to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, election candidates in local Federal electorates on priorities of mutual importance by:
  - 2.1 Identifying priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and
  - 2.2 seeking funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for identified local projects and programs

### Background

The next Federal Election is expected to be held in May 2022. The City of Port Phillip is a member of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and its national counterpart the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). The ALGA has a national advocacy campaign "Don't Leave Local Communities Behind", to secure funding and policy commitments that will support every Australian council and community, and ensure all Australians have an equal opportunity to share in the benefits of Australia's post-pandemic recovery.

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

The City of Port Phillip' has endorsed a range of Federal Advocacy priorities. Many of these priorities align with those of the ALGA, including measures to combat climate change, improve transport and community infrastructure and transition to a circular economy.

### Discussion

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

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

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

The national Federal Election priorities promoted through this campaign includes:

#### *Economic recovery*

1. An initial injection of Financial Assistance Grants to local government of \$1.3 billion to support communities and jobs.



2. A commitment to return Financial Assistance Grants to at least one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue via a phased approach.

*Transport and community infrastructure*

3. \$500 million per annum for a four-year continuation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
4. A strategic local roads investment program of \$300 million per annum over four years to address road transport first and last mile issues and congestion on local roads.
5. An increase in Roads to Recovery to \$800 million per annum (an additional \$300 million per annum) and the Black Spot Program to \$200 million per annum over four years.
6. \$200 million over four years to assist councils to develop and implement innovative housing partnerships.

*Building resilience*

7. A commitment to ensuring betterment funding as a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements.
8. A Local Government Climate Response Partnership Fund of \$200 million over four years to enable planning and preparation to minimise the impacts of climate change in local communities and enable councils to achieve climate neutrality as soon as practicable.
9. \$100 million per annum over four years provided directly to local governments to support the capabilities of Indigenous councils and the implementation of the Closing the Gap local/regional voice.

*Circular economy*

10. Support to provide guidance and advice to councils on how to unlock the circular economy locally.
11. Support to investigate and, if feasible, implement a national bin harmonisation program that will improve kerbside recycling, reduce contamination, and maximise opportunities for reuse.
12. \$100 million per annum over four years to fund local government circular waste innovation projects.

*Intergovernmental relations*

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

The ALGA has asked all 537 Australian local governments support the campaign.