

2024 Australian Council of Local Government

Tuesday, 12 March 2024
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has called for motions for consideration at its National General Assembly (NGA). The NGA of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) will be held in Canberra from 2 - 4 July 2024. The theme is 'Building Community Trust'.

At its 30 January 2024 meeting, Council appointed a Council representative (and proxy) as a voting delegate for the NGA. By participating in the NGA the Council can contribute to the national debate on matters that require Federal intervention or support that will directly advance Council's Strategic Plan objectives.

Consistent with previous practice to garner motions on notice for LGA and ALGA forums, the Administration invited input from Council Members in developing proposed motions. No proposed Motions on Notice have been received.

Voting on motions by Council's representative will be in-line with any endorsed position of Council. The voting delegate will be briefed on City of Adelaide policy and decision positions relevant to each voting item on the ALGA NGA Agenda.

An invitation has been received to participate in the 2024 Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) program which immediately follows the ALGA NGA. This report seeks approval for Council's appointed delegate (Cr Janet Giles), or proxy (Cr Carmel Noon), to spend a further night in Canberra to attend the ACLG Gala Dinner on Thursday 4 July 2024, and the ACLG Forum on Friday 5 July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves Council's appointed delegate (or proxy) to attend the Australian Council of Local Government Gala Dinner on 4 July 2024, and the Australian Council of Local Government Forum on 5 July 2024.
 2. Notes that no motions will be submitted to the 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation High performing, customer-centric and bold Effective Leadership and Governance
Policy	The voting delegate will be briefed on City of Adelaide policy and decision positions relevant to each voting item on the 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (ALGA NGA) Agenda.
Consultation	At Council’s meeting 30 January 2024 Council Members were invited to submit motions for inclusion in this report and encouraged to work with Administration in preparing proposed items.
Resource	Support briefing on Agenda items will be met within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Council’s voting delegate will be provided with a briefing and advice to guide voting decisions. This advice will be in-line with existing Strategy, CoA policy, and Council decisions.
Opportunities	Attendance at the NGA provides Council with the opportunity to shape the future of local government nationally and further the South Australian perspective
23/24 Budget Allocation	Costs associated with attending the 2024 ALGA NGA, and Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG), including administrative support, can be met from within existing budget allocations. Additional estimated expenses of attending the ACLG in person include an additional night’s accommodation (from \$220 - \$320 per night) and sundry expenses.
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be held in Canberra from 2 - 4 July 2024.
2. The NGA represents an important opportunity for Council to influence the national policy agenda.
3. The NGA also provides opportunities for attendees to hear from leaders across government and to have one on one access to some of the country's most influential decision makers.
4. The theme for this year's NGA is 'Building Community Trust'.
5. The NGA discussion paper can be viewed here [\[Link 1\]](#), the program is available here [\[Link 2\]](#).

2024 Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG)

6. An invitation has been received to participate in the 2024 Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) program which immediately follows the ALGA NGA.
7. A Gala Dinner will be held on the evening of 4 July 2024, and a forum held on Friday 5 July 2024.
8. The ACLG will bring Ministers and local governments together to discuss key issues and workshop potential solutions.
9. The Commonwealth Government will cover the costs of the ACLG Forum and Gala Dinner, therefore the only additional costs to attend is a further night's accommodation and sundry expenses.
10. Further program information is not yet available. This information will be sent out by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts in due course.
11. It is consistent with previous years that Council's ALGA NGA delegate, or proxy, remains in Canberra and attends the ACLG.

ALGA NGA Motions

12. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has called for motions to be submitted to the 2024 NGA. [\[Link 3\]](#)
13. Consistent with previous practice to garner motions on notice for LGA and ALGA forums, the Administration invited input from Council Members in developing proposed motions.
14. Council Members were encouraged to work with the Administration to develop any proposed motions for inclusion in a subsequent report to Council on 12 March 2024, outlining proposed motions for consideration.
15. The submission deadline for motions to be included in the 2024 ALGA NGA was 29 March 2024. That deadline has been extended to 30 April 2024.
16. No motions have been proposed by Council Members.
 - 16.1. The City of Adelaide did not submit any motions in 2023, 2022, or 2021.
 - 16.2. The City of Adelaide submitted three motions in 2020, and two motions in 2019.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - ALGA NGA 2024 discussion paper <https://az659834.vo.msecnd.net/eventsairaueprod/production-conferenceco-public/b10057b7e1d549108a9e69e321f582d5>

Link 2 – ALGA NGA 2024 program <https://conferenceco.eventsair.com/nga24/program>

Link 3 – ALGA NGA 2024 motions <https://alga.com.au/forms/2024-nga-call-for-motions/>

ATTACHMENTS

Nil