

# Proposed item for Business for Local Government Association AGM

Tuesday, 13 August 2024  
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In advance of the Local Government Association of SA (LGA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on 22 November 2024, the LGA has advised Councils that proposed items of business for consideration at the meeting need to be submitted to the LGA by 30 August 2024.

The LGA AGM and the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) consider items of strategic importance to local government and the LGA, as recommended by the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC), Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) or the LGA Board of Directors.

In response to a call to Council Members via E-News on 31 July 2024 seeking advice on any item they wish Council to nominate to the LGA, one proposed item of business has been received, namely:

That the Annual General Meeting request the LGA to advocate to the Commonwealth Government to reform taxation policies which impact housing, and for investment and incentives which assist in the development of more affordable and accessible housing.

If Council supports for this proposed matter to be included on the agenda for discussion at the LGA AGM, in accordance with Clause 16.3.1 of the LGA Constitution, the matter with supporting information will be submitted for consideration by the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) at its next meeting on 23 September 2024.

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## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that Annual General Meetings and Ordinary General Meetings of the Local Government Association of SA consider items of strategic importance to local government and the LGA, as recommended by the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC), Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) or the LGA Board of Directors.
2. Approves the following item of business to be submitted to the next meeting of GAROC on 23 September 2024 for discussion at the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) Annual General Meeting on 22 November 2024:
  - 2.1 That the Annual General Meeting request the LGA to advocate to the Commonwealth Government to reform taxation policies which impact housing, and for investment and incentives which assist in the development of more affordable and accessible housing.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<b>Strategic Alignment – Our Community</b> This action supports the outcome of the City of Adelaide’s Strategic Plan 2024-2028 to drive affordable, safe and quality housing outcomes that attract and retain residents in our city.
Policy	The City of Adelaide’s Housing Strategy – <i>Investing in Our Housing Future</i> , and draft Economic Development Strategy – <i>A Thriving Economy for All</i>
Consultation	Not as a result of this report.
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report.
Proposed 25/26 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.
24/25 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. In advance of the Local Government Association of SA (LGA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on 22 November 2024, the LGA has advised Councils that proposed items of business for consideration at the meeting need to be submitted to the LGA by 30 August 2024.
2. The LGA AGM and the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) consider items of strategic importance to local government and the LGA, as recommended by the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC), Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) or the LGA Board of Directors.
3. It is at the discretion of Council whether to refer an item to SAROC (regional councils), GAROC (metro councils) or the LGA Board of Directors. As a general guide, all policy and advocacy matters should be referred to SAROC or GAROC, and matters related to the operations of the LGA should be referred to the LGA Board.
4. In response to a call to Council Members via E-News on 31 July 2024 seeking advice on any item they wish Council to nominate to the LGA, one proposed item of business has been received, namely:
  - 4.1 That the Annual General Meeting request the LGA to advocate to the Commonwealth Government to reform taxation policies which impact housing, and for investment and incentives which assist in the development of more affordable and accessible housing.
5. The proposed item is an action in both the City of Adelaide's Housing Strategy – *Investing in Our Housing Future* – Goal 1: Housing for all and draft Economic Development Strategy – *A Thriving Economy for All* – Goal 4: Liveable Adelaide, towards 50,000.
6. In considering proposed items of business for LGA general meetings, the LGA has a set of guidelines for Council ([Link 1](#)) to follow in submitting proposed items. Proposed items of business should be accompanied by enough supporting information to make informed decisions and recommendations.
7. SAROC, GAROC, or the LGA Board of Directors may decide to approve an item of business for inclusion on the agenda of a General Meeting. If appropriate, they may determine another course of action, including approving with amendments, requesting further information, referring the matter back to the council, or resolving that the matter be dealt with by the LGA/SAROC/GAROC without progressing to an OGM/AGM.
9. If Council supports for this proposed matter to be included on the agenda for discussion at the LGA AGM, in accordance with Clause 16.3.1 of the LGA Constitution ([Link 2](#)), the matter with supporting information, will be submitted for consideration by the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) at its next meeting on 23 September 2024.

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# DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** – LGA Guidelines for Considering Proposed Items of Business for LGA General Meetings

**Link 2** – Local Government Association of South Australia Constitution

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# ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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