

10.5. 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Delegates and Motions

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to outline the process for submitting Motions for consideration at the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is taking place from 17 to 19 November 2024, at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, and will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops, training sessions, and more.
- As the main policy-making event for the NSW local government sector, the Annual Conference is an opportunity to help set the advocacy agenda for the year ahead. Motions passed at the Conference become Resolutions, which LGNSW actions on behalf of its members, as part of its advocacy program.
- This is the follow-up to a report submitted to Council in June 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.THAT** Council nominates five voting delegates for the 2024 LGNSW Conference at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.
- 2.THAT** other councillors interested in attending the conference as non-voting delegates advise the Chief Executive Officer as soon as practicable, noting that no further registrations will be made following Monday 14 October 2024.
- 3. THAT** Councillors submit suggested issues for Council's consideration as Motions to the LGNSW Annual Conference.

Background

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is taking place from 17 to 19 November 2024 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, and will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops, training sessions, and more.

Conference delegates will discuss key local government issues and debate motions submitted by fellow councils to inform the LGNSW advocacy agenda for the year ahead.

At its meeting on 24 June 2024, Council resolved:

- 1. THAT Councillors submit suggested issues for Council's consideration as Motions to the Conference by 16 August 2024 for inclusion in a further report to Council on 26 August 2024.*
- 2. THAT a further report be submitted to a Council meeting in October 2024 following the Council elections, to confirm Councillor attendance, motions and voting delegates.*

Report

Registration as a Voting Delegate

To vote on motions at the Conference, delegates must be an elected member of a council, county council, the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC), a Related Local Government Body (RLGB), or an Administrator appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council is entitled to send five voting delegates to the Conference. Other Councillors may attend as observers.

Registrations close on 23 October 2024. However, given the regional location, travel arrangements will need to be made as soon as possible and not after Monday 14 October 2024.

Conference Program

The current Conference Program can be viewed [here](#) and is subject to change.

[Guide](#) for Motion Submissions

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they:

1. are consistent with the objectives of LGNSW (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules),
2. relate to, or concern, local government as a sector in NSW and/or across Australia,
3. seek to establish, or change, policy positions of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for decisions around resourcing any campaigns, or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process),

4. have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws),
5. are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature, and
6. do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

Financial/Resource Implications

Costs will include delegate registration and travel costs. An amount of \$20,000 has been allocated in the 2024/25 budget for Mayor and Councillor attendance at conferences, seminars, and training.

Legislation

It is a requirement under section 252 of the Local Government Act that Council adopts a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor (if there is one), and the other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.