

Motions tabled at LGAT General Meetings by Northern Midlands Council

2018	That Council request LGAT to lobby for legislation to be passed to protect cemeteries;	Matter raised during AGM by Council representative.
2018	That Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the government to ask that the Anglican Church not insist that communities meet the strict criteria in regards to stopping the sale of important community assets.	Motion not submitted, matter listed for discussion at the July LGAT meeting.
2018	That the Land Use Planning Approvals Act be reviewed to reduce the requirement to advertise planning applications in full to abbreviated planning advertising in local newspapers.	Decision of Council at March 2018 rescinded at April 2018 meeting
2018	That LGAT lobby the State Government and Spirit of Tasmania to ensure the availability of sailings adequately meets commuter and tourist demand and that affordable pricing is available to that demographic.	Carried
2017	LGAT to lobby the State Government for a more coordinated approach to weed management so that DPIPW does not need to duplicate work done by Councils, and that all relevant agencies collaborate to map weeds across Tasmania and develop an action plan that can be implemented whenever weed infestations are reported by the community.	Carried
2016	Introduction of State Tyre Levy	Carried
2016	Federal Government assistance to replace the Bass Link cable	Amended motion Carried
2016	That LGAT lobby the State Government and TasRail to permit a Tasmanian Transport Museum MS steam train to travel from Hobart to Fingal once a year on the Fingal Valley Festival day.	Carried
2015	That the Local Government Association make representation to the Prime Minister requesting a referendum to facilitate the recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution.	Carried
2015	That the Local Government Association make representation to the relevant Australian Government Ministers seeking support for the development of a consistent basis for determining whether a particular function is best carried out by Local, State or Federal Government.	Carried
2015	That LGAT lobby the Minister for Infrastructure, Hon. Rene Hidding, advocating for the reinstatement of a State Government trails and bikeways funding program, the development of an inventory of what work is still required to fill in the many gaps in the network of trails and pathways, and the establishment of a permanent fund that will meet the growing demand now apparent in cycling tourism and in the use of bicycles for sport and leisure.	Carried
2014	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania continue to lobby the State Government to fund and employ, within the Invasive Species Unit, additional weed officers for each of the three regions to actively facilitate the eradication of listed weeds throughout Tasmania.	Carried
2014	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania continue to lobby the State Government to address the pending environmental impacts resulting from excessive storage of used tyres in the absence of a suitable recycling facility or other appropriate means of disposal.	Carried

2014	That LGAT lobby the ministers responsible for mines and our rivers to address the contamination of many of our waterways through heavy metal leachate from past mining operations and to provide an inventory of all such waterways and an action plan to end the contamination.	Carried
2014	That LGAT supports the position of all state parties in their election commitments to lobby the major federal political parties in opposing super trawlers operating in Australian waters, and support immediate federal legislation to permanently ban super trawlers in Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) but not to affect current fishing operators.	Lost (Deferred to September meeting)
2014	That LGAT lobby the TasWater Board to call on the Australian Government to work with the State Government to fund the development of renewed water and sewerage infrastructure works, particularly for small and regional communities across the State.	Lost
2014	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania request both the State and Commonwealth Governments to encourage Telstra to provide a regional officer within each region able to provide detailed infrastructure answers in a timely manner to facilitate the ongoing development of private and public infrastructure works.	Carried
2014	That LGAT Support the continuation of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme due to its importance to Tasmania. Lobby the Australian Government and State Governments to re-establish the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme for all freight transported to and from Tasmania.	Carried
2014	That LGAT Investigate the terms of the proposed Australian Competition and Consumer Commission/Productivity Commission enquiry into the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme with the aim of issuing a brief to Councils. Assess options for a study that analyses the benefits and costs of a support package for a direct international service from TASMANIA.	Lost
2013	That LGAT lobby the minister responsible for DIER to have all unapproved signage removed from state roads.	Carried
2013	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the Minister responsible for the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources to ensure that speed restrictions of road works and the like are not erected prematurely, left in place beyond the completion of works or between work periods, unless required due to the condition of the road surface.	Carried
2013	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania request the State Government to make legislative change, if necessary, and confirm that representations made pursuant to sections 26, 30 I or 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 shall not be made public to the extent that they contain specific reference to individual councillors or staff.	Lost
2013	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania lobby the State Government, specifically Department of Economic Development and the Environmental Protection Authority to address the pending environmental impacts resulting from excessive storage of used tyres in the absence of a suitable recycling facility or other appropriate means of disposal.	Carried

2012	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania requests the State Government to develop policy guidelines, educational information and advice to address the issues of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and appropriate disposal of declared weeds; and, • Contamination of green waste with declared weeds; and, • Treatment of green waste to minimise the presence of weed seeds in composted Green waste that is to be sold to the public and/or used in public open space.	Carried
2012	That the State Government fund an additional Weed Officer for each of the three regions to facilitate the reduction of listed weed species in order to maximise the long term sustainable agricultural use of Tasmania's resources, in particular with regard to the new and proposed irrigation infrastructure which in turn will support the furtherance of the State Government's 'food bowl' initiative.	Carried
2012	That LGAT discuss with the State Government that in the event of a fire/flood the proposition of taking immediate action on temporary minor repairs to state roads and/or other infrastructure on the basis that funds are reimbursed within a reasonable time frame.	Carried
2011	That the LGAT work with the State Government to amend Principle nine of the State Policy for the Protection of Agricultural Land 2009 to enable Council planning schemes to prohibit or require discretionary permit for an agricultural use on land zoned for agricultural purposes where such land is also determined to be within a special area or overlay to address issues including, but not limited to, scenic protection, landslip, water catchment, heritage protection and flood or bushfire hazard.	Carried
2011	That, in order to address the loophole in LUPA relating to the lack of termination power, LGAT lobby the Department of Justice to progress a legislative amendment to provide the power to void an application after a finite period of time.	Carried
2010	To bring accountability to the water authorities that Owners' Representatives and the Chief Executive Officers of each of the Regional Corporations meet monthly with councils (members of Regional Corporations).	Lost
2010	That LGAT lobby the State Government to review the current approach to environmental management and sustainable use of resources in Tasmania, with a view to developing an integrated approach with reference to overall natural systems.	Carried
2010	That a second Weed Management Officer for the region be financed by the State Government.	Lost
2009	... legislate, so that Local Government is empowered to ensure that the planting of trees within town boundaries are species that are appropriate in relation to both fire and general safety. ... to reassess the state planning template; and to manage road verges in regard to fire management.	Carried
2009	... investigate and promote initiatives to reduce the use of fossil fuels.	Carried
2008	... Hydro Tasmania extend cloud seeding flights over non-Hydro catchment areas, such as the Meander, Macquarie, South Esk, Clyde and East Coast catchments; and that the cloud seeding program be on-going, as an extended period is necessary to obtain any long term benefits; and the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the State Government be requested to undertake independent reports on cloud seeding in Tasmania.	Carried
2008	That Councils support the motion for the Local Government Association to lobby the State Government to review the application of taxes and stamp duty associated with business transactions, e.g. payroll tax, insurance premium renewals and mortgage dealings.	Carried

2007	That a proposal put forward at the 2006 ALGA Conference by Timber Towns Victoria to form a national network of local governments with an interest in sustainable forestry management on both private and public land be noted and a member of Timber Towns Victoria be invited to attend the next meeting of the LGAT General Management Committee.	
2006	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania i) Discuss with the State Government the development of controls regarding overshadowing and other nuisance factors caused by existing or future planting, and ii) Prepare information brochures outlining recommended species and planting guidelines which minimise overshadowing of neighbouring properties: such guidelines to be distributed to Councils for circulation with new developments.	Lost
2006	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania enter into discussions with the State Government with regard to the provision of Government funding to meet the costs associated with Council Youth Development Officers performing roles that have traditionally been the responsibility of the State Government Departments.	Carried
2005	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania in relation to threatened Non-Forest Vegetation Communities supports alternative measures to implement the State/Federal Bilateral Agreement being i) adoption of a truly voluntary system similar to the Regional Forest Agreement Private Forests Reserve Program (which includes incentives) and ii) the removal of the statutory enforcement mechanisms within the Bilateral Agreement i.e. (the Planning Directive and subsequent amendment of the local government planning schemes).	Carried
2005	That the Local Government Association request the State Government to liaise with the Federal Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to ensure that skilled migrants are encouraged to resettle in Tasmania.	Carried
2005	That Local Government support a proposal from the Tasmanian Bus Association for the State Government to provide funds for the reinstatement of a school bus safety campaign and any other road safety education programs that will minimise the risks to children.	Carried
2005	That the Local Government Association request the State Government to;- i) Abolish the Easter Tuesday as a prescribed statutory public holiday and ii) Investigate a uniform set of public holidays within Tasmania and where possible, these be standard across Australia.	Lost
2005	That the Local Government Association of Tasmania negotiate, on behalf of Council's, an agreement with the Rail Authority (Pacific National Tasmania) to ensure a maintenance service level is provided with a defined area at each level rail crossing.	Carried

6 February 2019

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Dear Des

**Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
3 July 2019**

In accordance with the Rules of the Association, I give formal notice of the General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Wrest Point Casino Hobart, commencing at 11.00am on Wednesday 3 July, 2019.

Councils are invited to submit motions on matters connected with the objectives of the Association or of common concern to members for inclusion in the agenda of the General Meeting.

It is planned to distribute the agenda on Wednesday 5 June 2019 and motions will need to be received at the Association's offices by no later than close of business, Monday 15 April, 2019. This lead time will ensure relevant matters can be forwarded to the State Government for comment in accordance with the Communication and Consultation Protocol Agreement. The responses from State Government will then be included with the agenda to provide councils with a full briefing of the issues to be considered.

Councils are reminded that opportunities are available at every General Meeting of the Association to submit motions for deliberation and do not have to be restricted to the General Meeting attached to the AGM. Councils are encouraged to consider this matter in terms of ensuring more robust and broader debate across all General Meetings in the year but note that State Government comment is not sought in advance for other meetings. Additionally, for any meeting, Members may submit items for Topical Discussion.

If councils consider a matter is of significant concern but that it may struggle to be supported, it is suggested that conversations ensue with potential like minded councils to ensure procedural issues, such as having a motion seconded, can occur. This assists both the council/community where the issue exists and provides the opportunity for more rigorous debate and points of contention to be canvassed.

A standard submission of motion template is attached but electronic versions are available on our website or will be forwarded by email upon request. Please note that detailed background comments are important in terms of ensuring there is an understanding by the reader of what is being sought. If possible, the motion should make clear either the action being asked of the Association or the policy position that the mover would like the sector to take. Where possible there should be consideration of how the motion aligns with the Association's strategic plan.

Please note, the Rules of the Association do not provide for the preparation of a Supplementary Agenda.

Should you require any assistance or advice on the background to issues of concern to your Council, the procedures to bring them forward or the wording of motions, Association staff would be only too pleased to assist. There are likely many matters that have previously been addressed or others that might be able to be dealt with administratively. Please keep this in mind and take advantage of the opportunity to discuss with the Association.

Yours sincerely



Dr Katrena Stephenson
Chief Executive Officer



Call for Submission of Motions

*Councils are invited to submit motions for debate
to be Included in the
General Meeting Agenda papers
Wednesday 3 July, 2019*

Motions can:

- address the objectives of the Association
- relate to matters of common concern to Councils
- recommend priorities to be followed by LGAT in pursuit of the State Agenda
- direct LGAT to undertake certain priorities
- refer to public policy generally.

LGAT staff are happy to assist you in developing your motion. Please phone 03 6233 5964 in the first instance.

Name of Council :

Contact person (name, title)

Phone:..... Fax: Email:

Motion: (should clearly articulate the action required of LGAT or the policy position for the sector)

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Background Comments: (Detailed background comment is required to ensure a complete understanding of what is being sought)

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For Information Only:

Has a similar motion been considered by the General Meeting in the last 12 months?

Yes/No

Does the motion align with LGAT's strategic plan? Yes/No

If Yes – which Strategic Priority Area?

LGAT Strategic Plan - <http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Strategic%20Plan%202017%20-%202020%20final.pdf>

Must be received by no later than close of business, Monday 15 April, 2019

20 December 2018

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Dear Des

Re: Administrative delays - 2018 Local Government Elections

Thank you for your letter dated 6 December 2018 in relation to concerns about administrative delays in posting of the Local Government election results, presented by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission.

The concerns raised by the Northern Midlands Council are consistent with the sectors' concerns and were an item for discussion at the recent LGAT General Management Committee meeting on 10 December 2018. At the meeting it was resolved that LGAT would write to the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) highlighting issues raised and requesting a response. The issues to be included in the letter will include candidate disclosure, ballot sheet layout, complexity and directions, the speed of counting and compliance on advertising and other election conduct by candidates.

In addition to the letter, the General Management Committee also raised the issues at the Premier's Local Government Council meeting on 10 December 2018. It is understood that the Minister for Local Government has also written to the TEC raising similar concerns.

It is worth noting that matters related to Local Government elections are to be considered as part of the State Government's *Review of the Local Government Legislative Framework*. A discussion paper for the review is currently out for comment and LGAT will coordinate a sectoral response to the paper.

As there are a number of activities already underway in relation to your councils' motion, I suggest that no formal motion to LGAT is required. LGAT will ensure that the policy update for the general meeting in March includes detail on activities and outcomes from the work we have committed to undertake in this area.

Yours sincerely



Dr Katrena Stephenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER