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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

I am pleased to invite you and your Council colleagues to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 18 - 21 June.

This year's theme, *Building Tomorrow's Communities*, goes to the heart of the role of Local Government in modern Australia. Key presentations will address how councils, often working in partnership with other levels of government or the private and not-for-profit sectors, are shaping the future and responding appropriately to the challenges that lie ahead.

The Minister for Local Government and Territories, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash and the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformations, the Hon Angus Taylor MP will address the NGA. I have also invited the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Australian Greens to participate.

Our keynote speaker is political commentator and journalist Laura Tingle. Laura has reported politics from the Canberra press gallery for almost thirty years and will provide unmissable insights into the national political landscape and what's driving the major political parties.

Enclosed is the NGA Registration Brochure which contains full details of the program, business agenda and associated events.

Local Government plays a significant role in the national economy and councils play critical roles in their local economies. Your council's involvement in the NGA is vital in helping ALGA to maintain a strong focus on Local Government and to drive improved outcomes for Local Government at the national level. A number of crucial policy motions will be debated at the NGA. As such it is important that every council is represented in these discussions and able to have its say.

I encourage you and your Council colleagues to attend the NGA, and to work with myself and the ALGA Board as we explore opportunities to strengthen the contribution that Local Government makes to Australia.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.

Mayor David O'Loughlin
President