

Byron Shire Council - Memorandum

MEMO TO: All Councillors

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MEMO FROM: Director Corporate and Community Services

SUBJECT: Call for Motions for 2017 National General Assembly of Local Government

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Council has received advice regarding the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held in Canberra from 18 to 21 June 2017.

Motions for this year's theme "*Building Tomorrow's Communities*" are to be received by ALGA no later than Friday 21 April 2017 but must first be endorsed by Council prior to submission. Notices of Motion to Council regarding ALGA Motions will need to be submitted for inclusion in the Ordinary Meeting Agenda of 20 April 2017 at the latest.

Council's Notices of Motion for the Ordinary Agenda 23 March are due to be received by staff on **8 March**. For the Ordinary Agenda 20 April, Notices of Motion are due to be received by staff on **5 April**. Please submit Notices of Motion via email to Councillor Support by 9am on either due date to be included in the relevant meeting agenda.

Call for Motions

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers and then debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must follow the principles:

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally
2. be consistent with the themes of the NGA
3. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
4. be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
5. propose a clear action and outcome
6. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

To assist councils in preparing motions, a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is attached.

Motions should generally be in a form that seek the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs e.g. *That this National General Assembly call on the Federal government to restore indexation to local government financial assistance grants.*

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