



AUSTRALIAN  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
ASSOCIATION

# ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL



**12 ways to deliver for Australian communities**

ALGA Federal Election Initiatives

# INITIATIVE SUMMARY

The policy initiatives outlined in this document will provide every council and federal member with the opportunity to deliver tangible outcomes to every community in Australia. In addition, they could add an estimated \$8.97 billion to national GDP and create an estimated 24,000 jobs over the first three years.



## 1. Repair federal funding to local government

Restore the quantum of **Financial Assistance Grants** to at least 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$1.42 billion  
4,000 jobs



## 2. Realise the productive potential of Australia's freight routes

Fund a **Local Government – Higher Productivity Investment Plan** starting at \$200 million per annum over 5 years



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$1.07 billion  
2,300 jobs



## 3. Boost safety on local roads

Increase **R2R funding** to \$800 million per annum and make the **Bridges Renewal Program** permanent



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$1.71 billion  
4,000 jobs



## 7. Promote healthier communities

Invest in a **Local Government Place-Based Preventative Health and Activity Program** of \$100 million over four years



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$292 million  
1,600 jobs



## 8. Foster Indigenous well-being and prosperity

Continue to provide at least **\$5.5 billion over the next decade** to address the needs in Indigenous communities



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$1.66 billion  
5,300 jobs



## 9. Support communities on their digital transformation journeys

Provide a **Smart Communities Program** of \$100 million per annum and a **Digital Local Government and Rural / Regional Telecommunications Program** of \$100 million over four years



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$340.4 million  
1,000 jobs



#### 4. Promote equitable access to community services

Invest in a **Local Government Community Infrastructure Program** of \$300 million per annum over four years



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$1.41 billion  
3,600 jobs

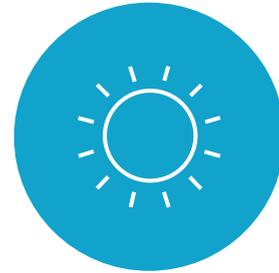


#### 5. Protect communities from the impacts of natural disasters

Fund a **targeted disaster mitigation program** at a level of \$200 million per annum for four years



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$620 million  
1,500 jobs



#### 6. Support communities with their climate change response

Establish a **Local Government Climate Change Partnership Fund** of \$200 million over four years



**BY 3RD YEAR  
CUMULATIVE GDP BENEFIT**  
\$451 million  
1,100 jobs



#### 10. Strengthen Australia's circular economy

Achieve more cost-effective and equitable funding approaches across all parties involved in a product's lifecycle



#### 11. Support local government's current work in addressing affordable housing and homelessness issues

Reinstate a national governance model to address affordable housing and homelessness, that includes local government



#### 12. Address the South Australian road funding anomaly

Adjust the Identified Roads Component of Financial Assistance Grants to make the additional funding to South Australia permanent

# WHAT WE'RE CALLING FOR

The commitment of  
all political parties,  
party leaders and  
individual candidates  
to deliver for  
**local communities,**  
through a  
partnership with  
local government,  
by supporting **our**  
**initiatives** in the  
federal election

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