

Efficient and Effective Council
Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 16 October 2017

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to determine our voting delegates for the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference 2017.
- This year, delegates will vote on conference motions and in the elections for the Association's Office Bearers and Board. Council can select different delegates for each type of voting.
- The names of our voting delegates must be sent to LGNSW by 1 November 2017. To meet this deadline the names must be determined at this meeting.
- LGNSW will notify us of the number of voting delegates we must nominate by Friday 13 October 2017. Typically we have 3 voting delegates however we are advised there is greater potential for our entitlement to change this year. Councillors will be advised of our entitlement once it is known.
- Council has 7 motions to be submitted to the Conference for discussion.
- It is recommended that:
 1. the voting delegates for the 2017 LGNSW Conference, for each type of voting, be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and councillor delegates in line with our voting entitlement.
 2. in the event our entitlement is unknown at the time of the meeting a list of delegates be prepared in order of preference to include a fourth, potential reserve, voting delegate.

REPORT

CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION

This year's LGNSW Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sydney from Monday, 4 December to Wednesday 6 December 2017. The Conference is the annual policy-making event for NSW councils, associate members and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

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VOTING

Types of Voting

This year voting for the Association's Office Bearers and Board and voting on policy motions will occur. As ordinary members Council must nominate:

- a) the names of our voting delegates for voting on motions and,
- b) the names of our voting delegates for voting in the elections for the Association's Office Bearers and Board.

Council can decide to nominate the same or different delegates for each type of voting. It is proposed that these remain the same.

Voting Entitlement and Submission Deadlines

LGNSW have advised that we will be advised of our voting entitlement by 13 October 2017. We must then provide the names of our delegates to vote on conference motions, and the names of our delegates to vote in the Board election to LGNSW by 1 November 2017. Timeframes were compressed to allow councils that conducted elections in September to participate fully in the conference.

LGNSW has encouraged members, due to the short timeframe between being advised of our voting entitlement, and the deadline to provide LGNSW with the names of our voting delegates, to prepare notional lists of voting delegates as soon as possible.

Previously we have been entitled to 3 voting delegates however there is greater potential for this number to change this year due to uncertainty with membership levels due to council amalgamations. Councillors will be advised of our entitlement once it is known.

In the event our voting entitlement is unknown at the time of the meeting, it is proposed that a list of four delegates be prepared in order of preference. The fourth voting delegate to be included as a reserve should our entitlement increase. The names of our voting delegates to be taken from this list and submitted to LGNSW up to our entitlement once known.

Substitution of Names permitted

Conference rules allow us to substitute the names of the voting delegate's we submit to LGNSW after the deadline should we need to or wish to following the outcome of the East ward By-Election.

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CONFERENCE MOTIONS

The closing date for submission of conference motions is 9 October 2017.

The categories for 2017 motions are:

1. Industrial relations and employment policy
2. Economic policy
3. Infrastructure and planning policy
4. Social policy
5. Environmental policy
6. Governance/Civic Leadership policy (e.g. legislative and regulatory setting, elections, participation, reform).

Council will submit 7 motions to this year's conference relating to the following topics:

1. Review of Tender and Procurement Requirements
2. Agricultural Enterprise Credit Scheme
3. National Competition and Tendering Procedures
4. Retention of existing Natural Vegetation Assets
5. Off the Plan Sales and Land Registrations
6. Appointment of a Minister for Young People
7. Administrators running for Local Government Elections.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with LGNSW was undertaken in relation to deadlines and voting rights.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been allocated and is available under the councillor expenses component of the Local Democracy budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the voting delegates for the 2017 LGNSW Conference, for each type of voting, be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor delegates in line with our voting entitlement.
2. That in the event our entitlement is unknown at the time of the meeting a list of delegates be prepared in order of preference to include a fourth, potential reserve, voting delegate.