



Date: Wednesday, 11 May 2022
Time: 5.30pm
Location: Council Chamber
Minlaton Town Hall
57 Main Street
Minlaton

AGENDA

Late Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting

11 May 2022

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Andrew Cameron
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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DEBATE AGENDA

DEBATE AGENDA**21 MAYOR****21.1 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN - NATIONAL ADVOCACY****Document #:** 22/46563**Department:** Executive Services**PURPOSE**

To seek Council endorsement of the national funding priorities recommended by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and participation in the national advocacy by writing to the local Federal Member, election candidates and the President of the ALGA to express support of ALGA's funding priorities, in addition to identifying and seeking funding for local priorities, projects and programs.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs.
2. agrees to support and participate in the ALGA's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament (Members), all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the ALGA to:
 - (a) express support for ALGA's funding priorities;
 - (b) identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and
 - (c) seek funding commitments from the Members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal:

- 1 Economically Prosperous Peninsula
- 2 Community Connected through Infrastructure
- 3 Valued and Restored Environment
- 5 Responsible Governance and Leadership

Strategy:

- 1.5 Partner and build positive relationships with key stakeholders to progress tourism and business growth
- 1.6 Identify opportunities to advocate on behalf of key industries (e.g. agriculture, tourism etc.)
- 1.7 Explore opportunities for 'missing or sub-standard' infrastructure (e.g. freight movement, function centre, large accommodation etc.)
- 1.9 Seek out, develop and deliver on economic development opportunities

BACKGROUND

The next Federal Election will be held on 21 May 2022.

Working in conjunction with its member state and territory associations, the ALGA has developed a framework and resources for a national advocacy campaign that will run in the lead up to this election.

Based around the tagline of 'Don't Leave Local Communities Behind', the goal is to secure funding and policy commitments that will support every Australian council and community, and ensure all Australians have an equal opportunity to share in the benefits of Australia's post-pandemic recovery.

All Australian councils have been asked to participate in this campaign to ensure a coordinated approach that will deliver the best possible outcomes.

DISCUSSION

The 'Don't Leave Local Communities Behind' campaign will promote 17 priority asks in the portfolios of economic recovery, transport and community infrastructure, building resilience, circular economy and intergovernmental relations.

These priorities are based on motions passed by councils at ALGA's annual National General Assembly and have been endorsed by ALGA's Board which is comprised of representatives from all state and territory Local Government Associations.

They have been assessed by independent economists and would add around \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's Gross Domestic Product while creating 43,444 jobs.

The 'Don't Leave Local Communities Behind' campaign runs for five weeks, with each week focussing on one of the five portfolio areas.

The full list of national Federal Election priorities that will be promoted through this campaign is outlined below:

Economic recovery

1. An initial injection of Financial Assistance Grants to local government of \$1.3 billion to support communities and jobs and also resolve the current practice of bringing forward two quarterly Financial Assistance Grant payments each year.
2. A commitment to return Financial Assistance Grants to at least one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue via a phased approach.

Transport and community infrastructure

3. Investment of \$500 million per annum for a four-year continuation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
4. A strategic local roads investment program of \$300 million per annum over four years to address road transport first and last mile issues and congestion on local roads.
5. An increase in Roads to Recovery funding to \$800 million per annum (an additional \$300 million per annum) and the Black Spot Program to \$200 million per annum over four years, while addressing the South Australian road funding anomaly by making the additional \$20 million per annum in 2021-22 and 2022-23 permanent.
6. Continuing the Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity Package at \$55 million over four years.
7. A commitment of \$200 million over four years to assist councils to develop and implement innovative housing partnerships.

Building resilience

8. A targeted disaster mitigation program of \$200 million per annum for four years which will reduce the costs of response and recovery and strengthen community resilience.
9. A commitment to ensuring betterment funding as a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements.
10. A commitment to include community infrastructure that is publicly accessible and owned, and local government waste, water and wastewater assets under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

11. A Local Government Climate Response Partnership Fund of \$200 million over four years to enable planning and preparation to minimise the impacts of climate change in local communities and enable councils to achieve climate neutrality as soon as practicable.
12. Investment of \$100 million per annum over four years provided directly to local governments to support the capabilities of Indigenous councils and the implementation of the Closing the Gap local/regional voice.

Circular economy

13. Support to provide guidance and advice to councils on how to unlock the circular economy locally, particularly in rural, regional, and remote areas.
14. Support to investigate and, if feasible, implement a national bin harmonisation program that will improve kerbside recycling, reduce contamination, and maximise opportunities for reuse.
15. A commitment of \$100 million per annum over four years to fund local government circular waste innovation projects.

Intergovernmental relations

16. Reinstating local government representation to the primary intergovernmental forum in Australia, the National Cabinet.
17. Ensuring local government's ongoing voting membership of other relevant Ministerial forums.

ALGA has developed free campaign resources that can be adapted and used by all councils to ensure a consistent and effective approach.

Participating in a national advocacy campaign does not preclude this council from advocating on additional local needs and issues, but it will strengthen the national campaign and support all 537 Australian local governments.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following Yorke Peninsula Council officers were consulted:

- Chief Executive Officer

In preparing this report, the following external parties were consulted:

- Local Government Association South Australia
- Australian Local Government Association

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Yorke Peninsula Council Strategic Management Plan 2021-2025
Yorke Peninsula Council Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031
Yorke Peninsula Council Asset Management Plans
PO091 Risk Management Policy

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Should the Federal Government determine to commit to funding the 17 priority asks, there is real potential for this to have a positive impact on future Council budgets and the Yorke Peninsula economy.

RISKS/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE/ IMPLICATIONS

It is important for Council to participate in the national advocacy campaign, to strengthen the collective voice and maximise the opportunity to secure funding and policy commitments towards realising these important priorities. If the ALGA is successful in gaining such commitments, there is

an improved likelihood of Council being able to address strategic goals and risks that otherwise may remain unrealised.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

24 ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**24.2 SPECIAL LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM 2022/2023 FUNDING APPLICATION****Document #:** 22/46374**Department:** Assets and Infrastructure Services**PURPOSE**

To seek endorsement from Council for an application for funding to be submitted through the Special Local Roads Program 2022/2023 to extend the sealed section of the North Coast Road by 4km.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse submitting an application for funding through the Special Local Roads Program 2022/2023 to extend the sealed section of the North Coast Road by 4km to the end of the existing 50km/h zone.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**Goal:** 1 Economically Prosperous Peninsula

2 Community Connected through Infrastructure

Strategy: 1.6 Identify opportunities to advocate on behalf of key industries (e.g. agriculture, tourism etc.)

1.7 Explore opportunities for 'missing or sub-standard' infrastructure (e.g. freight movement, function centre, large accommodation etc.)

2.4 Explore provision of new infrastructure

BACKGROUND

The Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) was established under the joint approvals of the South Australian, Commonwealth and local governments. The program commenced in 1985/1986 and facilitates funding of significant and strategic works throughout the state.

Since 2019 Council has unsuccessfully applied for funding through the SLRP to undertake various works upon the North Coast Road.

DISCUSSION

North Coast Road straddles the coast at Point Turton. Part of the road closest to the township passing homes is sealed; however, there remains approximately 12km unsealed that connects to the unsealed Point Souttar Road. The remaining unsealed section of the North Coast Road leads to camping areas and is well used by tourists. Within the first 4km past the end of the existing seal there are 41 residences, which is the majority of lived on landholdings along the remaining 12km unsealed section of the North Coast Road. Not all of these are holiday homes.

The North Coast Road is classified as a High Use Sheeted Unsealed Road in Council's Transport Asset Management Plan. Such classification suggests an indicative Level of Service/maintenance provision of two to four grades per year, with the gravel pavement lasting 15 years before resheeting/renewal. Over the last four years Council has undertaken several gravel resheeting campaigns and is habitually going back to the road to deal with corrugations and dust complaints. Council has tried different road sheeting gravels akin to highway roadbase, neither of which have delivered longevity of surface wear before onset of corrugations. In addition, Council is currently trialling a polymer dust suppression treatment to varying depths within the first 4km of the unsealed section.

There is strong community interest, particularly amongst North Coast Road residents, to seal the North Coast Road, which culminated in Council submitting its first application for funding through the SLRP 2019/2020. Unfortunately, this application was unsuccessful.

In 2020/2021 Council once again submitted an application for funding through the SLRP to construct and bitumen seal the approximately 12km unsealed section of the North Coast Road. Once again this application was unsuccessful.

Following the appointment of Council's new Director Assets and Infrastructure Services, and the unsuccess of the previous two funding applications, the decision was made to focus an application on extending the sealed section of the North Coast Road by 4km. This application was submitted to the SLRP 2021/2022. Unfortunately, it was also unsuccessful.

The decision to first submit an application for funding through the SLRP was made in 2018 following strong community interest, with the previous Council making a commitment to seek funding to do so at the May 2018 Council meeting (Minute Reference: 126/2018).

As there is still strong community interest in this project, it is recommended that Council once again endorse submitting an application for funding through the SLRP to extend the sealed section of the North Coast Road by 4km.

If successful this project will be staged over two years, commencing in 2022/2023 and concluding in 2023/2024, at a cost of approximately \$3.8 million.

SLRP funding is provided on a two thirds/one third basis; therefore, the estimated cost to Council, should the project proceed, is \$1.26 million.

Council has recently been advised that its application for funding through the Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program to extend the sealed section of the North Coast Road by 4km was unsuccessful, as were all applications by South Australian councils; therefore, SLRP remains the only possible funding available to Council to undertake these works.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following Yorke Peninsula Council officers were consulted:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Asset Manager

In preparing this report, the following external parties were consulted:

- Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Currently there is no inclusion of this project in Council's Long Term Financial Plan or future budgets. Budget adjustments will need to be made if this project is funded.

RISKS/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE/ IMPLICATIONS

Council's initial commitment to seek funding to seal the North Coast Road through the SLRP 2019/2020 has created an expectation from the community that Council will continue to seek funding to seal the North Coast Road through this program until such time as an application is successful, or an alternate funding source becomes available.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil