

Report by David Backhouse, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors be requested to forward any suggested Notice of Motions to the General Manager for submission to the 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek from Councillors, Notice of Motions for submission to the 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government.

REPORT

The 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government (the Assembly) will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra between 21 and 24 June.

The Assembly is the major event on the annual local government events calendar and typically attracts more than 700 mayors, councillors and senior officers from councils across Australia. The Australian Government has also confirmed that the next meeting of Mayors and Shire Presidents as part of its Australian Council of Local Government will be held to coincide with the Assembly.

The Australian Government is increasingly looking to local government to play a role as a partner in tackling the major issues facing the nation and the Assembly is the opportunity to make sure that your Council's views are represented. The Assembly is also a great opportunity to hear from senior politicians and interesting key note speakers and is an unparalleled networking opportunity within the local government sector.

The theme for this year's Assembly is *Rising to the Challenge – Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change*.

In response to feedback received at previous Assemblies, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has revised the process for motions to ensure that policy debates relate to the current national priorities for local government. This year they are calling for motions under the three major themes of the Assembly:

- Infrastructure;
- Climate Change; and
- Local Government financing.

ALGA is now calling for "Notices of Motions" to be submitted by councils. To assist Councils in developing motions that fall under these themes, ALGA has put together a discussion paper for each theme. These discussion papers can be found on the NGA website www.nga.alga.asn.au.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.