

CSF058: 2014 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Proponent : City of Albany
Attachments : Nil
Responsible Officer(s) : Chief Executive Officer (G Foster)

Responsible Officer's Signature:



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the [City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2023](#) and [Corporate Business Plan 2013-2017](#):
 - a. **Key Theme:** 5. Civic Leadership
 - b. **Strategic Objective:** 5.3. To engage effectively with our community.
 - c. **Strategic Initiatives:**
 - 5.3.2. Increased interaction between councillors and the community.

In Brief:

- Endorse the attendance of an elected member at the 2014 National General Assembly

RECOMMENDATION

CSF00X: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT Council:

- (1) **NOTE the attendance of an elected member at the 2014 National General Assembly.**
- (2) **ENDORSE the allocation of funds to attend this event.**

BACKGROUND

2. On 22 October 2013 the Government announced the development of a Federation White Paper that will focus on roles and responsibilities of the levels of government and that will have a major impact of federal financial relations.
3. This year's National General Assembly (NGA) is an important opportunity for local government to take a serious look at what business local government is in, how we do it and where we fit in the Federation both today and in the future.
4. The National General Assembly brings our sector (local government) together providing a platform for serious consideration and policy development.
5. The 2014 NGA will be held in Canberra from 15 - 18 June 2014.

DISCUSSION

6. The NGA theme reflects current issues being debated nationally and priority issues facing local government.
7. In accordance section 2.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, it is the Mayor's role to speak on behalf of the City of Albany.
8. Council has delegated the approval for Elected Members to attend conferences with the condition that attendance is supported by the Mayor and noted by the CEO.
9. This report has been presented for the endorsement and approval of Council.

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

10. The NGA provides the City of Albany with the opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy and currently the ALGA Board is calling for motions for the 2014 NGA.
11. To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers motions must follow the following principles:
 - a. Fall under the NGA theme;
 - b. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally; and
 - c. Complement or build on the policy objectives of state and territory associations.
12. To assist Councils in preparing motions, a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available at www.alga.asn.au
13. Elected members wishing to propose a motion must have the motion endorsed by Council and submitted to ALGA by no later than 17 April 2014.
14. Therefore, proposed motions will need to be submitted to Council March ordinary meeting of Council for resolution.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

15. Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

16. There are no policy implications related to this report.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

17. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's [Enterprise Risk Management Framework](#).

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
<i>Reputation - Lack of engagement with the local government sector</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Support an elected member attending the conference.</i>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. Funding is allocated in the current budget for elected members to participate in legislative reviews.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

19. Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

20. Nil.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

21. Nil.

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

22. It is recommended that the Mayor's attendance is endorsed.

Consulted References	:	Local Government Act 1995 http://alga.asn.au/site/misc/alga/downloads/events/2014NGA/Guidelines_and_Background_Information.pdf
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	(All Wards)
Previous Reference	:	Nil