

10.3. 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Delegates and Motions

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to call for Councillor registrations to attend and outline the process for submitting Motions for consideration at the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is taking place from Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 November 2025, at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre, and will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops, training sessions, and more.
- As the main policy-making event for the NSW local government sector, the Annual Conference is an opportunity to help set the advocacy agenda for the year ahead. Motions passed at the Conference become Resolutions, which LGNSW actions on behalf of its members, as part of its advocacy program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT Council nominates five voting delegates for the 2025 LGNSW Conference at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre.

2.THAT other Councillors interested in attending the conference as non-voting delegates advise the Chief Executive Officer before Monday 29 September 2025.

3.THAT Councillors submit suggested issues for Council's consideration as Motions to the Conference by 10 September 2025 for inclusion in a further report to Council on 22 September 2025.

Background

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is taking place from Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 November 2025, at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre, and will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops, training sessions, and more.

Conference delegates will discuss key local government issues and debate motions submitted by fellow councils to inform the LGNSW advocacy agenda for the year ahead.

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Registration as a Voting Delegate

To vote on motions at the Conference, delegates must be an elected member of a council, county council, the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC), a Related Local Government Body (RLGB), or an Administrator appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council is entitled to send five voting delegates to the Conference.

Early bird registrations close on 30 September 2025.

Conference Program

The Conference Program will be circulated to all Councillors when it is made available.

Criteria for Motion Submission

To be included in the Business Paper, motions must:

1. Be consistent with the objects of the LGNSW Rules (Rule 4)
2. Demonstrate that the issue concerns or is likely to concern a substantial number of local governments in NSW
3. Seek to establish or change a policy position of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for any decisions around resourcing and campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process)
4. Be strategic
5. Be concise, clearly worded and unambiguous
6. Not be focussed on just a small specific part of NSW
7. Not encourage violation of prevailing laws
8. Not seek to advantage one or several members at the expense of other members

Motions of a similar objective:

9. May be consolidated by LGNSW as a single item.

Motions reflecting existing LGNSW policy:

10. Remain part of LGNSW's Policy Platform but will not be included for debate as they have already been considered by Conference.

Before submitting motions for this year's Annual Conference, members are encouraged to review the [LGNSW Policy Platform](#) to ensure the proposed motion wording does not reflect existing policy positions.

Members are encouraged to submit their motions by Tuesday 30 September 2025. To allow Councillors time to consider this matter, it is recommended that a further report on any proposed Motions be submitted to Council at its meeting on 22 September 2025.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

Financial/Resource Implications

Attendance will be funded using existing budgets.

Legislation

It is a requirement under section 252 of the Local Government Act that Council adopts a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor (if there is one) and the other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.