

8.4 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INAUGURAL MEETING

Submitting Councillors: Cr Lake and Cr McGill

NOTICE OF MOTION

That the Council approves the Mayor's attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government, on Tuesday 18 November 2008, at Parliament House Canberra and agrees to meet the costs of travel and accommodation, estimated to be up to \$1,000, in total.

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Government has invited the Mayors and Shire Presidents of Australia's 565 local governments to attend an inaugural one-day meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG), on 18 November 2008, in Canberra.

The Council's support is now sought to provide for the Mayor to attend this meeting to represent the City of Monash.

DISCUSSION

The Federal Government's establishment of the ACLG has been endorsed by the President of the Australian Local Government Association.

The inaugural meeting will address infrastructure issues and the development of a charter for the ACLG.

The ACLG's creation will establish a regular dialogue between Federal and Local Governments on issues of national significance and give local communities a voice in the future of Australia's national infrastructure.

It is appreciated that the timing of the meeting is not ideal for Victorian Councils, given the impending elections. However, it is important that the City of Monash, as one of the larger metropolitan Councils in this State, is represented, particularly at the stage where the ACLG's charter and future direction are to be set.

FINANCIAL

The Federal Government will meet the costs of holding the meeting. Participating Councils will meet the costs for travel and accommodation for their respective Mayors/Shire Presidents to attend.

It is expected that the costs for attending the meeting would total up to \$1,000 in travel and accommodation.

These costs can be met from the existing budget.