

5.5 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Responsible Officer: Jarrod Doake, Chief Operating Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the attendance of the following Councillors at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021 both dates inclusive:

Crs de Silva, Fergeus, Little, Luo, McCluskey, Samardjiza and Zographos

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2021 will be held from 20-23 June, 2021 inclusive, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

DISCUSSION

This year the NGA theme is "Working Together For Our Communities."

The theme acknowledges that councils cannot tackle major challenges, which face their communities, by acting alone. Councils need to work together as a sector, with other levels of government and with non-government partners.

Participating Councillors will have the opportunity to hear from leading politicians; receiving deep insights from nation-leading experts; being inspired by keynote speakers at the forefront of community engagement and crowd - powered communities.

This event also provides a unique opportunity for the Local Government sector to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy and to influence the future direction of councils and local communities.

Councillors de Silva, Fergeus, Little, Luo, McCluskey, Samardjiza and Zographos have expressed an interest in attending the Conference and approval is sought from the Council for these Councillors to attend this important event.

FINANCIAL

The total cost for the event, for attendance, is estimated at approximately \$2,500 per person and includes registrations, travel, accommodation and conference-related dinners.