

#### **AGENDA**

## FOR GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

## 17 FEBRUARY 2025 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

### IN WITTBER & DR RUBY DAVY ROOMS, SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB,

#### 34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY

#### **MEMBERS**

Cr P Jensen (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)

Cr L Brug

Cr J Chewparsad

Cr K Grenfell

Cr D Hood (Deputy Chairman)

Cr S McKell

#### **REQUIRED STAFF**

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Devine

General Manager Community Development, Mrs A Pokoney

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General Manager City Development, Ms M English

Manager Governance, Mr R Deco

#### **APOLOGIES**

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Presentation of the Minutes of the Governance and Compliance Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024.

#### **REPORTS**

#### Administration

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#### For Decision

3.1.1	2025 National General Assembly of Local Government, Canberra -			
	Call for Motions	9		
3.1.2	Updates to Legislative Delegations	35		

#### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

There are no Questions on Notice.

#### **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

There are no Motions on Notice.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

(Questions Without Notice, Motions Without Notice, CEO Update)

#### **CLOSE**



## MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN WITTBER & DR RUBY DAVY ROOMS, SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB,

#### 34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON

#### **9 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cr P Jensen (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)
Cr L Brug
Cr J Chewparsad
Cr D Hood (Deputy Chairman)

Cr S McKell

#### **STAFF**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto General Manager City Development, Ms M English Team Leader Community Compliance, Mr B Scholefield Governance Administration Officer, Ms K Hernen

The meeting commenced at 7:08pm.

The Chairman welcomed the Elected Members, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES**

An apology has been received from Cr K Grenfell.

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

#### PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr D Hood Seconded Cr S McKell

The Minutes of the Governance and Compliance Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

**CARRIED** 

#### **REPORTS**

Administration

## 3.0.1 Future Reports for the Governance and Compliance Committee

Moved Cr D Hood Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

#### That Council:

1. Notes the report.

**CARRIED** 

#### For Decision

#### 3.1.1 Cat Desexing & Rehoming Pilot Program

Moved Cr S McKell Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

#### **That Council:**

 Notes the Pilot Program that has commenced in partnership with the Cat Adoption Foundation as per Attachment 1 to this report (Item No. 3.1.1, Governance and Compliance Committee 09 December 2024).

**CARRIED** unanimously

#### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were no Questions on Notice.

#### **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were no Motions on Notice.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

(Questions Without Notice, Motions Without Notice, CEO Update)

There were no Other Business Items.

#### ORDERS TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

#### 3.4.1 **NAWMA Audit Committee Members**

Moved Cr D Hood Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That the Governance and Compliance Committee:

- Orders that pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, that it is necessary and appropriate to exclude the public for the consideration of Agenda Item 3.4.1 NAWMA Audit Committee Members with the exception of the following persons:
  - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
  - General Manager City Development
  - Team Leader Community Compliance
  - Governance Administration Officer

#### On the basis:

- it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.
- 2. In weighing up the factors related to disclosure,
  - disclosure of this matter to the public would demonstrate accountability and transparency of the Council's operations
  - Public disclosure would unreasonably disclose the personal affairs of the individual

On that basis the public's interest is best served by not disclosing the NAWMA Audit Committee Members item and discussion at this point in time.

3. Orders that pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 all members of the public, except staff of the City of Salisbury on duty in attendance, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for this Agenda Item.

**CARRIED** 

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The meeting moved out of confidence and closed at 7:23pm.

CHAIRMAN	
DATE	

**ITEM** 3.0.1

**GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE** 

**DATE** 17 February 2025

**HEADING** Future Reports for the Governance and Compliance

Committee

AUTHOR Monika Prasad, Governance Support Officer, CEO and

Governance

**CITY PLAN LINKS** 4.3 Our council is recognised for delivering exceptional

community experiences and quality outcomes

**SUMMARY** This item details reports to be presented to the Governance

and Compliance Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution. If reports have been deferred to a subsequent month, this will be indicated, along with a reason for the

deferral.

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### **That Council:**

1. Notes the report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.

#### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 A list of resolutions requiring a future report to Council are presented to each committee for noting.

#### 2. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

2.1 No external consultation was required in the development of this report.

#### REPORT

3.1 The following table outlines the reports to be presented to the Governance and Compliance Committee as a result of a Council resolution:

26/08/2024 Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) John Darzanos **Amendment Bill 2024** 3.1.2 4. Requests the Administration present a report on the potential merits of a Cat By-Law, should the deficiencies as identified in Council's submission relating to cat management and managing cat nuisances not be rectified through amendments to the Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill 2024. Due: March 2025 Revised: September 2025 Reason: Awaiting on the Act which is currently under review and progressing on a statewide framework.

#### 4. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

4.1 Future reports for the Governance and Compliance Committee have been reviewed and are presented for noting.

**ITEM** 3.1.1

**GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE** 

**DATE** 17 February 2025

**HEADING** 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government,

Canberra - Call for Motions

**AUTHOR** Michelle Woods, Governance Officer, CEO and Governance

**CITY PLAN LINKS** 4.3 Our council is recognised for delivering exceptional

community experiences and quality outcomes

**SUMMARY** The National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government

will take place in Canberra from 24 to 27 June 2025. This report gives Council the opportunity to submit a motion for

consideration at the NGA.

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. Notes motions are being called for submission by 31 March 2025 for the National General Assembly of Local Government being held in Canberra from 24 to 27 June 2025 and that a voting delegate is to be appointed by Council should a motion be submitted.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. 2025 National General Assembly - Call for Motions Discussion Paper

#### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing 537 councils across the country.
- 1.2 Established in 1947, ALGA's strategic priorities are 'to champion a strong local government sector focusing on:
  - 1.2.1 financial sustainability;
  - 1.2.2 roads and infrastructure funding;
  - 1.2.3 waste and recycling:
  - 1.2.4 stronger community resilience; and
  - 1.2.5 addressing the risk of climate change.'
- 1.3 ALGA's work includes, but is not limited to the establishment of national policy and extensive liaison and lobbying with departments, Ministers and other parliamentarians at the Commonwealth level to achieve better outcomes for local councils.
- 1.4 The National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government will be held 24 to 27 June 2025 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

- 1.5 The theme of the 2025 NGA is 'National Priorities Need Local Solutions' (refer page four of the attached discussion paper for context around this theme).
- 1.6 The ALGA Board is currently calling for motions from councils.
- Motions must be relevant to the work of local government nationally and must complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and state and territory local government associations.
- 1.8 The deadline for submitting motions to the NGA is Monday 31 March 2025.

#### 2. **EXTERNAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION**

No external consultation was required in the preparation of this report.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

The 2025 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government is an 3.1 opportunity for individual councils to identify matters of national relevance to the sector and for these matters to be considered by ALGA as national policy, for its advocacy role or for more immediate action by ALGA on behalf of the sector.

#### Submission of Motions for Debate

- The ALGA Board is calling for motions to be submitted to the NGA under the theme 'National Priorities Need Local Solutions'. They have requested that motions for this year's NGA should consider:
  - Any new practical programs or policy changes that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and/or
  - New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver place-based solutions to national priorities.
- 3.3 Motions should be concise, practical and be able to be implemented and meet the guidelines for motions set out in the attached discussion paper.

#### **Criteria for Motions**

- To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:
  - 3.4.1 Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
  - Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region -3.4.2 unless the project or issue has national implications.
  - 3.4.3 Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
  - 3.4.4 Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
  - 3.4.5 Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.

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- 3.4.6 Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
- 3.4.7 Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
- 3.4.8 Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
- 3.4.9 Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- 3.4.10 Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.
- 3.5 The ALGA Secretariat has prepared the attached discussion paper to help in identifying motions that address the theme of the NGA this year.
- 3.6 This year's call for motions focusses on twelve priority areas:
  - 3.6.1 Intergovernmental relations;
  - 3.6.2 Financial sustainability;
  - 3.6.3 Roads and infrastructure.
  - 3.6.4 Emergency management;
  - 3.6.5 Housing and homelessness;
  - 3.6.6 Jobs and skills;
  - 3.6.7 Community services;
  - 3.6.8 Closing the GAP and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
  - 3.6.9 Data, digital technology and cyber security;
  - 3.6.10 Climate change and renewable energy;
  - 3.6.11 Environment;
  - 3.6.12 Circular economy.
- 3.7 Councils submit motions directly to ALGA. When ALGA collates proposed motions, they will seek additional background material from state associations if required.
- 3.8 All motions will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub Committee prior to publishing the NGA Business Papers to ensure they meet criteria set out at paragraph 3.4.
- 3.9 The sub committee reserves the right to select, edit or amend motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate at the NGA.

- 3.10 Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.
- 3.11 Motions must commence with the following wording:

  This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ....
- 3.12 Motions that are accepted and placed on the Agenda for the NGA will be debated throughout the assembly.

#### Attendance at NGA and Voting Delegate

- 3.13 A provisional program is yet to be released. When this is available, it will be distributed to Elected Members.
- 3.14 Should Council resolve to submit a motion to the NGA, there is an expectation Council will register a delegate to move and speak to the motion.
- 3.15 Estimated costs for attendance will be in the vicinity of \$3,000, based on previous registrations.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Council is asked to determine whether there are any issues that warrant a motion being submitted to the 2025 NGA of Local Government, being held in Canberra 24 to 27 June 2025.
- 4.2 Should Council resolve to submit a motion, it should also consider appointing a voting delegate who will be registered to attend the NGA to move and speak to the motion.

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# National Priorities Need Local Solutions

24 - 27 June 2025 | National Convention Centre Canberra

# National General Assembly Discussion Paper



## **KEY DATES**

- 18 December 2024 | Opening of Call for Motions
- 31 March 2025 | Acceptance of Motions closes
- 24 June 2025 | Regional Cooperation & Development Forum
- 25 27 June 2025 | National General Assembly

TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTION VISIT: ALGA.COM.AU

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 31st National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025.

As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board cordially invites all councils to send representatives to this important national event.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of local governments, and provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and most importantly unite and further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend the 2025 NGA familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper on page 6.

## BACKGROUND TO ALGA AND THE NGA

ALGA was established 1947. In structure, ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

Since 1994, the NGA has built the profile of local government on the national stage, showcased the value of councils, and most importantly demonstrated – particularly to the Australian Government – the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

At the same time, they help ALGA and its member state and territory associations gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and the level of need and support for new policy and program initiatives.

Given the structure of ALGA, its Constitution, and level of resources, the NGA does not bind the ALGA Board. However, the Board carefully considers NGA resolutions as it determines ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

This is your NGA and ALGA is pleased to act as the convenor. ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be determined by the ALGA Board in the interests of all councils.

The ALGA Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA and those that will take the time to reflect on the purpose of debate on motions outlined in this paper, and to submit motions for debate at the 2025 NGA.

## **SUBMITTING MOTIONS**

The theme of the 2025 NGA is - National Priorities Need Local Solutions

In June 2025, Australia will either have a re-elected Labor Government, or a new Coalition or minority government.

The 31st National General Assembly of Local Government will focus on opportunities for councils to work with the next Federal Government to deliver local solutions that will help them deliver on their vision for the nation.

As the closest government to communities, councils understand local challenges and opportunities. They are a willing partner in government, and sustainably funded can provide place-based solutions to a range of national priorities including affordable housing, energy transition, road safety, increasing productivity, and improved health and wellbeing.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2025 NGA to be held in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025.

Motions for this year's NGA should consider:

- Any new practical programs or policy changes that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and/or
- New program ideas that that would help the local government sector to deliver place-based solutions to national priorities.

Motions should be concise, practical and implementable and meet the guidelines for motions set out in the paper.

You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s must address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.



Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.asn.au and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Monday 31 March 2025.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee prior to publishing the NGA Business Paper to ensure that they meet these guidelines. This sub-committee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA. For example, the sub-committee may recommend an overarching strategic motion to encompass several motions on the same topic.

All NGA resolutions will be published on www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au.

As the host of the NGA, ALGA will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on this website.

Please note that if your council does submit a motion, there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the NGA to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2025 NGA.

## CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
- Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region unless the project or issue has national implications.
- Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
- Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
- 5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
- Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
- 7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
- Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
- 9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- 10. Be supported by sufficient evidence and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording:

#### This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to

**Please note:** that resolutions of the NGA do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions.

The ALGA Board carefully considers NGA resolutions as it determines ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda, but the resoloutions are not binding.

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## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

It is important to complete the background section of the submission form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the proposal. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note, motions should NOT be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed and capable of implementation to ensure that relevant Australian Government Ministers provide considered, thoughtful and timely responses.

Try to avoid motions that are complex, contain multi-dot points and require complex cross-portfolio implementation.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Sub-committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate, where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the NGA Sub-committee will group these motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions will have either been drafted by ALGA or will be based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter.

Debate will occur in accordance with the rules for debate published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

#### All motions require:

- a contact officer;
- a clear national objective;
- a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion; and
- endorsement of your council

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available at www.alga.com.au.

Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Monday 31 March 2025.



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## **SETTING THE SCENE**

The theme for the 2025 NGA – **National Priorities Need Local Solutions** – highlights the unique role Australia's 537 councils can play delivering local, placed-based solutions that meet the needs of their communities, while addressing broader national priorities.

The 2025 NGA provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers.

Further, it is your opportunity to advocate for new or expanded programs and key policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments and its capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to local communities across the nation.

This year's call for motion focusses on twelve priority areas:

- · Intergovernmental relations;
- · Financial sustainability;
- · Roads and infrastructure;
- · Emergency management;
- · Housing and homelessness;
- · Jobs and skills;
- · Community services;
- · Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
- · Data, digital technology and cyber security;
- · Climate change and renewable energy;
- · Environment;
- · Circular economy



## 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

For almost 30 years, local government was represented by ALGA on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), providing local input into national decision making. However, when COAG was replaced by National Cabinet in March 2020, local government was not included.

National Cabinet is a forum for the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers to meet and work collaboratively; and is a key mechanism in Australia's intergovernmental architecture. A representative of local government, the President of ALGA, is invited to meet with National Cabinet once each year, as well as one meeting of the Council on Federal Financial Relations comprising the Commonwealth Treasurer as Chair and all state and territory treasurers.

While National Cabinet was established to support a coordinated national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the lack of local representation to this body has unfortunately impacted on decision making.

The Government's review into the COVID-19 response – published in October 2024 – found that Australia's 537 councils were critical for the implementation of National Cabinet decisions during the pandemic.

The inquiry also recommended National Cabinet would benefit from having more structured engagement and active consultation with local government to ensure future decision-making is informed at a local level.

In addition to attending one meeting per year of National Cabinet and CFFR, ALGA also represents local government on a range of Ministerial Councils and Forums, including the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting, National Emergency Management Ministers Meeting, Local Government Ministers Forum, Joint Council on Closing the Gap, Planning Ministers Meeting, Environment Ministers Meeting, Cultural Ministers Meeting, Energy and Climate Change Ministers Meeting, Road Safety Ministers Meeting, and Building Ministers Meeting.

Given the important role councils play delivering local solutions to national priorities, how can intergovernmental arrangements be further improved in Australia?

Are there new initiatives and programs that could be adopted to improve the level of cooperation and collaboration between the Australian Government and local government?

## 2. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainably funded, councils can play a key role delivering local solutions to national priorities. However, across the country many councils are facing significant financial challenges and are struggling to fund the delivery of core community services.

Every year councils are being asked to do more with less as a result of cost shifting, inadequate state and federal funding and, in some jurisdictions, rate pegging.

In 2024/25 councils will receive \$3.27 billion in federal Financial Assistance Grants. This is approximately 0.5% of Commonwealth taxation revenue, which is half the amount it was in 1996. The Australian Parliament is currently undertaking an Inquiry into local government sustainability, to which ALGA, State and Territory associations and many councils provided submissions

ALGA's submission to this inquiry highlighted that:

- If local government were provided annually with an additional \$350 million for the maintenance and delivery of quality open space, Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) would increase by \$858.9 million each year.
- If local government were able to effectively increase its capacity to perform regulatory services in planning and building, there would be an annual saving of \$859 million for development proponents and would generate an additional \$1.67 billion in GDP each year.
- Increased block transfers of Commonwealth funds to local governments can deliver greater efficiency and administrative cost savings of \$236 million and would generate increase GDP by \$330.8 million each year
- Reducing local government staff turnover can save \$425 million in avoided costs and lead to a \$619.9 million increase in GDP each year.
- Investing an additional \$1 billion each year into the maintenance of local government roads would increase GDP by \$354.6 million annually.

ALGA also stressed that the inquiry should not recommend any actions that will improve the financial sustainability of some councils to the detriment of others.

What are the opportunities to address financial sustainability across councils, and support their capacity to deliver local solutions to national priorities?

Are there improvements to be made to existing federal funding programs and arrangements that would support improved local government financial sustainability?

## 3. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Local governments are responsible for around 75% of Australia's road network by length, and play an important role supporting productivity and improving road safety.

However, many councils are not resourced to effectively maintain their local roads, and independent research from the Grattan Institute in 2023 identified a \$1 billion annual local government road maintenance funding gap.

In November 2023 the Government announced that Roads to Funding would be progressively increased from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year over the forward estimates, effectively halving the current funding gap.

In addition to local roads, councils build and maintain community facilities and infrastructure worth more than \$100 billion nationally.

In 2020 the Australian Government introduced a new Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, which saw \$3.25 billion provided to all councils for local projects on a formula basis. ALGA's 2024 National State of the Assets highlighted the success of this federal funding program, reporting a \$1 billion improvement in the condition of local government facilities since the 2021 report.

Are there new programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of local government roads and community infrastructure?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?

Are there opportunities for the Australian Government to support councils to invest in local infrastructure that will help address national priorities?

## 4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Australia is experiencing weather events of greater intensity and frequency – which leads to increased impacts on communities and council resources. Over the past two years, more than 60 per cent of local government areas have been declared natural disaster areas, many of them multiple times.

In 2022 ALGA successfully advocated for a new \$200 million per year Disaster Ready Fund, and to date two rounds of funding have been provided through this program. This program has been legislated to run for five years.

Both rounds of the Disaster Ready Fund have been significantly oversubscribed, and ALGA is advocating for a significant increase in federal funding to improve the emergency management capability and capacity of local government.

The Royal Commission on National Natural Disaster Arrangements made two important recommendations for local government – calling for State and Territory Governments to take responsibility for the capacity and capability of local government for the functions which are delegated to them (recommendation 11.1), and recommending States and Territory Governments review arrangements for resource sharing between local governments (recommendation 11.2).

Released in November 2024, the Colvin Review (Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding) and Glasser Review (Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements) both support a strategic shift towards disaster risk reduction and resilience. The Colvin Review also supports a major capacity uplift for local government and an enhanced national training and exercise regime which tests and builds local government capacity.

Councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

Please note that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Australian Government could assist.

What new programs, or improvements to existing programs, could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?

How can the Government best support Australian councils to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters?

## 5. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Australia is currently facing a housing crisis which is resulting in more people experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness, while also preventing required worker movement across the country.

Councils are not responsible for building housing. Many councils do, however, play a key role in facilitating housing supply by appropriately zoning land and approving development. Others are going above and beyond to address the housing crisis, albeit without adequate resourcing.

One of the biggest issues is a lack of funding for infrastructure such as roads, water and power connections that are necessary for new housing developments.

The National Housing Accord – which ALGA is a signatory to on behalf of local government - sets an ambitious target of 1.2 million new, well-located homes over the next five years.

Research commissioned by ALGA, and delivered by Equity Economics, showed that there is currently a \$5.7 billion funding shortfall for the enabling infrastructure required to bridge the gap between current constructions and Australia's housing targets.

Another significant issue is local government's lack of input into setting housing policy at both a state, territory and federal level, While ALGA represents councils on a wide range of ministerial councils, it is not currently a member of the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council or National Cabinet.

A key focus for councils is ensuring that any new housing developments are not just supported by enabling infrastructure, but also the local facilities and services that are vital for healthy, productive and resilient communities.

What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?

How can the Australian Government work with councils to address the causes and impacts of homelessness?



## **6. JOBS AND SKILLS**

Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 200,000 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations.

However, councils – like many employers across the nation – are experiencing skill shortages that hinder their ability to meet community needs.

The 2022 Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey show nine out of every ten Australian councils are facing jobs and skills shortages.

65% of respondent local governments said that project delivery had been impacted or delayed by vacancies, skills shortages, skills gaps or training needs.

The top five most cited skill shortages that local governments experienced were engineers (as noted by 46% of 2022 survey respondents), urban and town planners (40%), building surveyors (36%), environmental health inspectors (30%) and human resources professionals (29%).

Drivers of skill shortages include difficulty attracting young people to local government jobs, lack of available training courses, wage competition, and lack of resources to upskill the current workforce such as access to training facilities for rural/remote councils, workplace supervisors, subject matter experts, and contextualised training resources.

National priorities, such as increasing housing supply, cannot be achieved without support from local government and the right people to do the work.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?

Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?

Are there other initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?

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## 7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councils provide a wide range of services based on local characteristics, needs, priorities, and the resources of their community.

Some of these services are provided to address market failure, and many of them are provided by councils on behalf of other levels of government.

It is important to note that nationally local government is more than 83% self-sufficient ie funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, or interest. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that total local government annual expenditure in 2022-23 was \$48 billion.

Only 17% comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, or competitive funding programs, or require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might need.

Local government community services are broadly defined, and may include but are not limited to:

- · environmental health including food safety;
- · childcare, early childhood education, municipal health;
- · aged care, senior citizens;
- · services to people living with disability;
- · programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- · sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, programs and festivals;
- · tourism and economic development activities;
- · library services

Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?

Are there reforms or improvements in national community services program that would help local governments support the Australian Government to deliver on its national objectives?



# 8. CLOSING THE GAP AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECONCILIATION

In 2021, ALGA co-signed a landmark national agreement to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. At the heart of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership are four agreed priority reform targets and 19 socio-economic targets in areasincluding education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Local governments are uniquely placed to support partnerships to address long term service gaps and support their delivery. Councils are elected by their communities and have the longitudinal scope to develop a community's economic, skills, and infrastructure needs.

Local governments already play a significant role in helping their communities and the Closing the Gap outcomes. However, councils need appropriate resourcing, be it through place-based initiatives, or broader programs, to better facilitate and meet program objectives in their communities.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to assist local government to advance reconciliation and close the gap?

Are there practical programs or initiatives that local government and the Australian Government could introduce to maintain, build and strengthen partnerships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and governments?

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# 9. DATA, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital to innovation, economic growth, and social equity. However, it is potentially even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social. Innovative technology is becoming more broadly available and could boost productivity and economic growth.

Councils around Australia continue to embrace new technologies to improve their service delivery standards and broaden consultation and engagement with their local communities. However, implementation can be hindered without access to basic technological infrastructure and the necessary IT skills and resources.

In recent times, cyber-attacks on major corporations and other businesses have resulted in significant data breaches. It is a timely reminder as digital information, services and products become an increasing feature of modern business operation including in local government.

Like all risks, local government must manage the risk of cyber-attacks and address cyber security.

While this is primarily a responsibility of the sector itself, governments at all levels must work together to ensure that the public have confidence in government information management systems and its security.

Drawing upon your council's experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure?

Are there actions the Australian Government could take to improve cyber security within the local government sector?



## 10. CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Climate change is resulting in more frequent and severe disasters, coastal erosion, and rising heat, which are all impacting on the liveability of Australian communities.

Local governments play a role in emissions reduction through reducing their corporate emissions and supporting broader national processes of decarbonisation through community engagement, and provision of services and infrastructure.

The 2024 Local Government Climate Review found that 89% of councils have set or planned ambitious corporate emissions reduction targets.

Councils also play a critical role supporting their communities through change, helping them to adapt and build their resilience. The latest Local Government Climate Review found that two-thirds have done a climate risk assessment and 72% are implementing initiatives.

Barriers to adaptation include internal resourcing (70%), funding (67%), complexity and not knowing how to respond (53%), and limited technical expertise and capacity (48%).

Councils need support to adequately assess climate risk and vulnerabilities and adequately address them in plans, policies investment decisions and engagement with communities. Unfortunately, funding and support from other levels of government has failed to keep pace, placing an inequitable burden on the sector.

The rapid increase in renewable energy projects in regions across Australia is resulting in uneven and inconsistent community benefits being offered and delivered to communities. It is also placing significant pressure on local governments to plan, negotiate and secure an enduring constructive legacy associated with renewable energy projects.

Local governments are the only local democratic institution in a position to convene local interests and broker long term social and economic benefits from renewables projects, and should be recongised and supported for their role in maintaining social license for renewables projects.

Noting the Australian Government's approach to reducing emissions, are there partnerships, programs, and initiatives that local government and the Australian Government can form to achieve Australia's 2050 net zero emissions target?

What are the opportunities to support councils to increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change?

What support do councils need to ensure that renewable energy projects deliver lasting benefits to the communities that house them?

## 11. ENVIRONMENT

The Australian Government's Nature Positive Plan states "Almost half of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) has a moderate to very high direct dependence on nature. The rate at which we are eroding the environment poses tangible risks to Australia's economic, financial and social stability."

Australia's 537 local governments undertake broad and diverse work to support environmental outcomes.

However, councils do not receive adequate support for this work, which includes managing pests, weeds, and biosecurity threats, contributing to water security and management, managing parklands and reserves, and community education.

In recent years the National General Assembly has considered a range of environmental issues, and passed resolutions on biodiversity, biosecurity, conservation, climate change and water security.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government in to progress local regional and national objectives?



## 12. CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Australia's volume of waste continues to increase compared with population growth and GDP, even with rates of recycling improving over the past decades.

The 2022 National Waste Report showed that waste generation has increased by 20% over the last 15 years (8.3% from municipal waste). Since 2006-07, recycling and recovery of Australia's core waste has increased by 57% (+22% in municipal) however Australia continues to have one of the lowest rates of recycling among OCED countries.

Local governments are under pressure to respond to community demand for addressing pollution, while at-capacity landfills and emerging problematic materials pose serious operational challenges.

Collecting, treating, and disposing of waste costs local governments an estimated \$3.5 billion annually.

ALGA believes the onus for waste reduction should be borne by industry, not local governments. Mandatory product stewardship approaches, including payments to local governments for their resource recovery services, would ensure the principle of producer responsibility is operationalised and the cost and risk burden on local governments is rebalanced.

How could the Australian Government further strengthen product stewardship arrangements to support local governments in their endeavours to increase recycling and reduce the volume of waste?

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?

## CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government.

#### A final reminder:

- Motions should be lodged electronically at www.alga.com.au and received no later than 11.59pm on Monday 31 March 2025.
- · Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- Motions should commence with the following wording: This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...'
- · Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- · Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- Motions must not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be
  present at the 2025 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.
- Resolutions of the National General Assembly do not automatically become ALGA's national policy
  positions. The resolutions are used by the ALGA Board to inform policies, priorities and strategies
  to advance local governments within the national agenda.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2025 National General Assembly in Canberra.



**ITEM** 3.1.2

**GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE** 

**DATE** 17 February 2025

**HEADING** Updates to Legislative Delegations

**AUTHOR** Michelle Woods, Governance Officer, CEO and Governance

**CITY PLAN LINKS** 4.3 Our council is recognised for delivering exceptional

community experiences and quality outcomes

**SUMMARY** To provide Council with the opportunity to consider new,

amended and deleted delegations to ensure they align with changed legislative requirements. This report addresses updates since Council last considered delegations in

November 2024.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- 1. Delegates from the 24 February 2025 in exercise of the power contained in Section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* the powers and functions under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and statutory instruments made thereunder contained in the Instrument of Delegation at Attachment 1 of this report (Item 3.1.2; Governance and Compliance Committee; 17 February 2025) to the person occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Council subject to the conditions specified in each Instrument of Delegation.
- 2. Notes that such powers and functions may be further delegated by the person occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer as they see fit, unless otherwise indicated herein or in each proposed Instrument of Delegation in accordance with Sections 44 and 101 of the *Local Government Act 1999* at Attachment 1 (Item 3.1.2; Governance and Compliance Committee; 17 February 2025).

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act Instrument A NEW + CHANGED Provisions
- 2. Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act Instrument A DELETED Provisions

#### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Council may delegate its statutory powers and functions pursuant to section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and powers of delegation under other legislation.

- 1.2 Delegations are made to the Chief Executive Officer, who will, where appropriate sub delegate to officers to enable them to carry out the duties of their role.
- 1.3 Where there is a recommendation to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Deputy Chief Executive Officer will also be listed for business continuity purposes.
- The Local Government Association (LGA) provides periodic updates to the delegation templates as a result of legislative changes. This is provided to Council as required for consideration on an ongoing basis.
- Council maintains a register of its delegations in accordance with the requirements of section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999. Changes in legislation may affect these delegations, which requires Council to review its relevant delegations on a periodic basis.
- The key changes since the last update presented to Council in November 2024 are summarised below:
  - 1.6.1 Instrument A - Instrument of Delegation under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, Regulations, Planning & Design Code and Practice Directions of Powers of a Council as a Council; a Designated Authority; a Designated Entity
    - These changes are as a result of updates the Minister has recently made to the Community Engagement Charter (refer Attachments 1 and 2).
- 1.7 The attached updates are displayed as:
  - 1.7.1 **NEW**
  - 1.7.2 **CHANGED**
  - 1.7.3 **DELETED**

#### **EXTERNAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION** 2.

2.1 Local Government Association.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- The delegations being considered have been recommended and 3.1 provided by the LGA and developed by Norman Waterhouse Lawyers.
- 3.2 The changes detailed in Attachments 1 - 2 are minor in nature.
- 3.3 Instrument A - Instrument of Delegation under the Planning. Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, Regulations, Planning & Design Code and Practice Directions of Powers of a Council as a Council; a Designated Authority; a Designated Entity
  - 3.3.1 These changes are as a result of updates the Minister has recently made to the Community Engagement Charter. The Charter sets out the community engagement and consultation requirements for proposed amendments to planning policies, strategies and schemes.

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3.3.2 They relate to code amendments and do not fundamentally change the nature of the delegations.

# 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Updates to legislative delegations are presented to Council for consideration.

## **NEW Provisions**

#	Delegation Source	Provision	Item Delegated	Conditions & Limitations
754879	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(1)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.1 The power pursuant to clause 5(1) of the State Planning Commission Practice Direction – 2 Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instrument (PD2), to initiate a Code Amendment and lodge the following documents to the Department via the SA Planning Portal: 89.1.1 a Proposal to Initiate; 89.1.2 SA Planning Portal Publication Instructions – for Initiation; 89.1.3 Heritage Report with datasheet(s) and analysis of historic themes (relevant proposals only); 89.1.4 Significant Tree Report with description/s and assessment/s (relevant proposals only).	
754880	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.1 Code Policy 89.2.1.1 an outline of: (a) any overlay, general development policy, zone, subzone or technical or numeric variation in the Code being proposed for amendment; and/or (b) the intended spatial application of an overlay, zone, subzone or technical or numeric variation in the Code over an identified area;	

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754881	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2.2 Affected Area 89.2.2.1 a map or description of the Affected Area;	
754882	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.3 State Planning Policies 89.2.3.1 identification of the relevant principles or objectives of the State Planning Policies and an assessment of the proposed Code Amendment's alignment with those State Planning Policies;	
754883	State Planning Commission Practice	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.4 Regional Plan 89.2.4.1 identification of relevant regional plans and assessment of how the matters or issues	

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	Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments		proposed to be addressed by the proposed Code Amendment will relate to the relevant regional plan;	
754884	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.5 Consultation 89.2.5.1 information regarding any consultation that has already occurred with respect to the proposed Code Amendment; 89.2.5.2 details of further consultation proposed to be undertaken with respect to the proposed Code Amendment;	
754885	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.6 Planning Merit Statement 89.2.6.1 provide a statement detailing how the proposed Code Amendment relates to strategic directions and outlines desired policy/development outcomes and anticipated residential/ employment yields;	

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	of Designated Instruments			
754886	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.7 Investigation Information 89.2.7.1 information regarding any investigations which have already been undertaken with respect to the proposed Code Amendment; 89.2.7.2 commitment to undertake further investigations to support the proposed Code Amendment including the following as applicable: (a) infrastructure (road, civil, corridor); (b) service infrastructure (water, wastewater, stormwater, electricity, gas, telecommunications); (c) cultural and heritage significance (search of the Register of Aboriginal Sites and Objects); (d) Code policy (zone, overlay, TNVs, concept plan); (e) hazard risk (analysis of relevant overlays and site conditions); (f) the extent to which there are social, economic, land use, built form or environmental features that present a barrier to the outcomes sought; 89.2.7.3 high-level details of any infrastructure required to support development arising through the proposed Code Amendment and how that infrastructure will be provided (for example potable water and sewerage connection requirements); 89.2.7.4 where known, details of any infrastructure agreement (or agreements) or infrastructure scheme which will need to be established or entered into in connection with the proposed Code Amendment.	

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754887	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.8 The power pursuant to clause 5(3) of PD2 to set out in the SA Planning Portal Publication Instructions – for Initiation: 89.2.8.1 a summary of the Code Amendment in plain English, which will be published on the SA Planning Portal; 89.2.8.2 where possible, an indication of when consultation may begin.	
754888	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.9 The power pursuant to clause 5(4) of PD2 to, in relation to initiating a Code Amendment which is intended to designate a place as a place of local heritage value, provide a report which: 89.2.9.1 includes a heritage datasheet for each proposed Local Heritage Place, which includes: (a) all relevant property details and descriptions (including images); (b) historical background and thematic analysis; (c) a statement of heritage value; (d) an assessment against the Local Heritage Criteria; and (e) the extent of listing (including any exclusions); 89.2.9.2 includes an analysis of historic themes of importance to the area; 89.2.9.3 is prepared by a heritage architect, historian or person with similar qualifications, skills or experience; and 89.2.9.4 is otherwise prepared in accordance with any guidelines prepared and published by the Commission under Section 67(2)(c) of the PDI Act.	

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754889	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 5(2)	89. Initiating a Code Amendment 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to set out in the Proposal to Initiate: 89.2.10 The power pursuant to clause 5(5) of PD2 to, in relation to initiating a Code Amendment which is intended to designate a tree (or stand of trees) as a significant tree (or trees), provide a report which: 89.2.10.1 includes relevant details and descriptions of the tree or stand of trees (including images as necessary); 89.2.10.2 includes an assessment of the tree (or stand of trees) against the Significant Tree Criteria; 89.2.10.3 is prepared by an urban planner, arborist or person with qualifications, skills or experience relevant to the assessment in the report.	
754890	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 6(1)	90. Preparation of a Draft Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 90.1 The power pursuant to clause 6(1) of PD2, to prior to consultation occurring on a draft Code Amendment: 90.1.1 carry out investigations and obtain such information: 90.1.1.1 as provided in the Proposal to Initiate approved by the Minister; 90.1.1.2 as required under any conditions imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5)(b) of the PDI Act; and 90.1.1.3 as specified by the Commission under Sections 73(6)(e) or 73(6)(f) of the PDI Act;	
754891	State Planning Commission	clause 6(1)	90. Preparation of a Draft Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 90.1 The power pursuant to clause 6(1) of PD2, to prior to consultation occurring on a draft Code Amendment:	

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	Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments		90.1.2 provide the Department with: 90.1.2.1 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out the intent of the proposed Code Amendment for the purposes of the Department writing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; and 90.1.2.2 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Code Agreement;	
754892	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 6(1)	90. Preparation of a Draft Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 90.1 The power pursuant to clause 6(1) of PD2, to prior to consultation occurring on a draft Code Amendment: 90.1.3 prepare the draft Code Amendment in accordance with the approved Proposal to Initiate and any conditions imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5)(b) of the PDI Act and the requirements of this Practice Direction;	
754893	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and	clause 6(1)	90. Preparation of a Draft Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 90.1 The power pursuant to clause 6(1) of PD2, to prior to consultation occurring on a draft Code Amendment: 90.1.4 provide the Department with written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) to prepare the SA Planning Portal for consultation on the draft Code Amendment; and	

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	Amendment of Designated Instruments			
754894	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 6(1)	90. Preparation of a Draft Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 90.1 The power pursuant to clause 6(1) of PD2, to prior to consultation occurring on a draft Code Amendment: 90.1.5 provide the Department with the engagement plan prepared (and approved, if required) under these Practice Directions, for the purpose of the Department publishing the engagement plan on the SA Planning Portal.	
754895	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 6(2)	90. Preparation of a Draft Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 90.2 The power pursuant to clause 6(2) of PD2, where an engagement plan is amended during any period of consultation or any time prior to finalisation of the engagement report under PD2, to provide the Department with the engagement plan (as updated) for the purpose of the Department publishing the updated engagement plan on the SA Planning Portal	

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754896	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 7(1)	91. Requirements for a Draft Code Amendment 91.1 The power pursuant to clause 7(1) of PD2 to support a draft Code Amendment by the following information: 91.1.1 an explanation of the current code policy as it applies to the Affected Area (at the time of preparation of the draft Code Amendment); 91.1.2 an explanation of the amendments to the Code policy proposed for the Affected Area; 91.1.3 an assessment of the strategic planning outcomes intended to be achieved through the draft Code Amendment, including an analysis of the consistency of the draft Code Amendment with the relevant provisions of State Planning Polices, the Regional Plan and any other relevant strategic plans; 91.1.4 a summary and explanation of the investigations undertaken and how these support the draft Code Amendment; and 91.1.5 an explanation of any infrastructure or services required to support development facilitated by the proposed Code Amendment, and an explanation of how and when the infrastructure will be provided.	
754897	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 9(1)	92. Preparation of an Engagement Plan (Prior to Consultation) 92.1 The power pursuant to clause 9(1) of PD2 to prepare an engagement plan that: 92.1.1 meets the principles and performance outcomes of the Charter; 92.1.2 describes the persons or bodies to be consulted on the proposed amendment of the Designated Instrument, which must include any persons or bodies: 92.1.2.1 required to be consulted with under a condition imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5) of the PDI Act; 92.1.2.2 specified by the Commission under Section 73(6)(e) of the PDI Act; and 92.1.2.3 who must be consulted with under the Charter; 92.1.3 outlines any relevant previous engagement undertaken to inform the proposal; 92.1.4 describes the evaluation framework for the engagement.	

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754898	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 9(2)	92. Preparation of an Engagement Plan (Prior to Consultation) 92.2 The power pursuant to clause 9(2) of PD2 to, in relation to engagement plans which relate to proposed preparation of or amendment to a State Planning Policy or a Regional Plan submit the engagement plan to the Commission for approval prior to commencement of formal engagement on the proposal.	
754899	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 9(3)	92. Preparation of an Engagement Plan (Prior to Consultation) 92.3 The power pursuant to clause 9(3) of PD2 to, in relation to an engagement plan relating to a proposed amendment to the Code or a Design Standard, submit the engagement plan to the Commission or the Minister for approval, if a condition has been imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5) of the PDI Act which requires such approval.	
754900	State Planning Commission Practice	clause 10(1)	93. Preparation of an Engagement Report (Following Consultation) 93.1 The power pursuant to clause 10(1) of PD2 to, at the completion of engagement on a proposal prepare or amend a Designated Instrument, provide the Department with: 93.1.1 if amendments to the proposal are required:	

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	Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments		93.1.1.1 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out any changes to the draft Designated Instrument for the purposes of the Department updating and providing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Designated Instrument; and/or 93.1.1.2 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Designated Instrument or amendment to the Designated Instrument; 93.1.2 the updated draft Designated Instrument or amendment to the Designated Instrument in the form of amendment instructions (once finalised by the Designated Entity, incorporating any amendments); and 93.1.3 a final engagement report as required under Section 73(7) of the PDI Act and prepared in accordance with PD2, for the purpose of the Department arranging for the engagement report and draft Designated Instrument to be furnished to the Minister.	
754901	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 10(2)	93. Preparation of an Engagement Report (Following Consultation) 93.2 The power pursuant to clause 10(2) of PD2 to set out in an engagement report required under Section 73(7) of the PDI Act: 93.2.1 details of the engagement undertaken and how that engagement met the engagement plan and reasons for variations (if any) to the engagement plan; 93.2.2 the outcome of the engagement including a summary of the written submissions or feedback received; 93.2.3 any proposed changes to the proposal to prepare or amend a Designated Instrument (when compared with the proposal that was engaged on) and the reasons for those proposed changes. This should specifically indicate: 93.2.3.1 where changes are proposed to the Designated Instrument based on or as a result of the engagement; and 93.2.3.2 any other changes which are proposed based on or as a result of additional investigations or information which was not available when the proposal was released for engagement.	

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754902	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 10(3)	93. Preparation of an Engagement Report (Following Consultation) 93.3 The power pursuant to clause 10(3) of PD2 to also include in the engagement report an evaluation of the effectiveness of the engagement that considers whether: 93.3.1 the principles of the Charter have been activated; and 93.3.2 all mandatory requirements identified in the Charter have been met (where the consultation category is applicable).	
754903	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 11(1)	94. Complying Changes to the Code of Conduct 94.1 The power pursuant to clause 11(1) of PD2 to, in relation to a request for the Minister to agree to a complying change to the Code under Section 75 of the PDI Act provide the request to the Department and include the following information: 94.1.1 description of the relevant recommendations in the Regional Plan which relate to the proposed Code Amendment, including any specific maps or other specific information which clearly and expressly identify the changes relevant to the proposed Code Amendment; 94.1.2 a summary of any consultation which has occurred in accordance with the Charter in relation to the proposed Code Amendment or the relevant Regional Plan. This should include a copy of the engagement report prepared for the relevant Regional Plan and any additional consultation that has occurred for the proposed Code Amendment; 94.1.3 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out the intent of the proposed Code Amendment for the purposes of the Department writing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; and 94.1.4 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the	

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			Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment.	
754904	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	clause 12(1)	95. Early Commencement of a Code Amendment 95.1 The power pursuant to clause 12(1) of PD2 to provide a request for early commencement of a Code Amendment under Section 78 of the PDI Act to the Department and include: 95.1.1 explanation, justification and evidence as necessary to demonstrate how early commencement of the Code Amendment is: 95.1.1.1 necessary in the interest of the orderly and proper development of an area of the State; and 95.1.1.2 required in order to counter applications for undesirable development (which should identify possible future development that would detract from or negate the object of the proposed Code Amendment) ahead of the outcome of consideration of the Code Amendment; 95.1.2 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out the intent of the proposed Code Amendment for the purposes of the Department writing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; and 95.1.3 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment.	

## **CHANGED Provisions**

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## **DELETED Provisions**

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499416	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl5(1)	89. Requirements in Relation to Preparing an Engagement Plan 89.1 The power pursuant to clause 5(1) of the State Planning Commission Practice Direction – 2 Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments (PD2), to prepare an engagement plan that: 89.1.1 meets the principles and performance outcomes of the Charter; 89.1.2 describes the persons or bodies to be consulted on the proposed amendment of the Designated Instrument, which must include any persons or bodies: 89.1.2.1 require to be consulted with under a condition imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5) of the PDI Act 89.1.2.2 specified by the Commission under Section 73(6)(e) of the PDI Act; 89.1.2.3 who must be consulted with under the Charter; 89.1.3 outlines any relevant previous engagement undertaken to inform the proposal; 89.1.4 describes the evaluation framework for the engagement.	
499417	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl5(2)	89. Requirements in Relation to Preparing an Engagement Plan 89.2 The power pursuant to clause 5(2) of PD2 to submit all engagement plans which relate to proposed preparation of or amendment to a State Planning Policy or a Regional Plan to the Commission for approval prior to commencement of formal engagement on the proposal.	

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623804	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl6(1)	90.Preparation of an Engagement Report (Following Consultation) 90.1The power pursuant to clause 6(1) of PD2, at the completion of engagement on a draft of a proposal to prepare or amend a designated instrument to provide an engagement report to the Minister.	
499418	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl6(2)	90. Preparation of an Engagement Report (Following Consultation) 90.1 The power pursuant to clause 6(2) of PD2 to set out in an engagement report: 90.1.1 details of the engagement undertaken and how that engagement met the engagement plan, and reasons for variations, if any to the engagement plan; 90.1.2 the outcome of the engagement including a summary of the written submission or feedback made; 90.1.3 any proposed changes to the proposal to prepare or amend a Designated Instrument (when compared with the proposal that was engaged on) and the reasons for those proposed changes which specifically indicates: 90.1.3.1 where changes are proposed to the Designated Instrument based on or as a result of the engagement; and 90.1.3.2 any other changes which are proposed based on or as a result of additional investigations or information which was not available when the proposal was released for engagement.	

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 	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl7(1)	91. Initiating a Code Amendment 91.1 The power pursuant to clauses 7(1) and (2) of PD2 to lodge a Proposal to initiate with the Department via the SA Planning Portal that sets out: 91.1.1 Code Policy — an outline of: 91.1.1.1 any overlay, general development policy, zone, subzone or technical or numeric variation in the Code being proposed for amendment; and/or 91.1.1.2 the intended spatial application of an overlay, zone, subzone or technical or numeric variation in the Code over an identified area; 91.1.2 Affected Area 91.1.2.1 a map or description of the Affected Area; 91.1.3 State Planning Policies 91.1.3 State Planning Policies 91.1.3.1 identification of the relevant principles or objectives of the State Planning Policies and an assessment of the proposed Code Amendment's alignment with those State Planning Policies; 91.1.4 Regional Plan 91.1.4.1 Identification of relevant regional plans and assessment of how the matters or issues proposed to be addressed by the proposed Code Amendment will relate to the relevant regional plan; 91.1.5 Consultation - 91.1.5.1 information regarding any consultation that has already occurred with respect to the proposed Code Amendment; 91.1.5.2 details of further consultation proposed to be undertaken with respect to the proposed Code Amendment; 91.1.6.1 information regarding any investigations which have already been undertaken with respect to the proposed Code Amendment; 91.1.6.2 an outline of the further investigations that will be undertaken to support the proposed Code Amendment; 91.1.6.3 details of any infrastructure required to support development arising through proposed	

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623806	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl7(1) and (3)	Code Amendment and how the infrastructure will be provided; 91.1.6.4 details of any infrastructure agreement (or agreements) or infrastructure scheme which will need to be established or entered into in connection with the proposed Code Amendment 91.1.7 Timetable 91.1.7.1identification of a consultation start date; 91.1.7.2 an outline of the proposed timetable for each step of the Code Amendment process (ensuring that the process is completed within reasonable time limits), and a commitment from the Proponent (where it is also the Designated Entity) that it will take steps to update the timetable and seek approval from the Department if it appears that timeframes will not be met.  91.Initiating a Code Amendment 91.2The power pursuant to clauses 7(1) and (3) of PD2 to lodge the SA Planning Portal Publication Instructions – for Initiation that sets out: 91.2.1identification of a consultation start date, consistent with the Proposal to Initiate timetable; 91.2.2an outline of the consultation approach including period of consultation, key audience and consultation methods (noting the Commission may also recommend specific conditions); and 91.2.3a summary of the Code Amendment in plain English.	
499421	State Planning Commission Practice	cl7(4)	91.3 Initiating a Code Amendment The power pursuant to clause 7(4) of PD2, in addition to a Code Amendment which is intended to designate a place as a place of local heritage value, to provide a report which: 91.3.1 includes a heritage datasheet for each proposed Local Heritage Place, which includes:	

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	Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments		91.3.1.1 all relevant property details and descriptions (including images); 91.3.1.2 historical background and thematic analysis; 91.3.1.3 a statement of heritage value; 91.3.1.4 an assessment against the Local Heritage Criteria; and 91.3.1.5 the extent of listing (including any exclusions); 91.3.2 includes an analysis of historic themes of importance to the area; 91.3.3 is prepared by a heritage architect, historian or person with similar qualifications, skills or experience; and 91.3.4 is otherwise prepared in accordance with any guidelines prepared and published by the Commission under Section 67(2)(c) of the PDI Act.	
502554	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl 7(5)	91. Initiating a Code Amendment 91.4 The power pursuant to clause 7(5) of PD2 in relation to a Code Amendment which is intended to designate a tree (or stand of trees) as a significant tree (or trees), to provide a report which: 91.4.1 includes relevant details and descriptions of the tree or stand of trees (including images as necessary) 91.4.2 includes an assessment of the tree (or stand of trees) against the Significant Tree Criteria; 91.4.3 is prepared by an urban planner, arborist or person with qualifications, skills or experience relevant to the assessment in the report.	
499422	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 -	cl8(1)	92. Preparation of a Draft Proposal Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 92.1 The power pursuant to clause 8(1) of PD 2 to, prior to consultation occurring on a draft Code Amendment, to: 92.1.1 carry out investigations and obtain such information: 92.1.1.1 as provided in the Proposal to Initiate approved by the Minister;	

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	Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments		92.1.1.2 as required under any conditions imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5)(b) of the PDI Act; and 92.1.1.3 as specified by the Commission under Sections 73(6)(e) or 73(6)(f) of the PDI Act; 92.1.2 provide the Department with: 92.1.2.1 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out the intent of the proposed Code Amendment for the purposes of the Department writing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; and 92.1.2.2 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; 92.1.3 prepare the draft Code Amendment in accordance with the approved Proposal to Initiate and any conditions imposed by the Minister under Section 73(5)(b) of the PDI Act and the requirements of this Practice Direction; 92.1.4 provide the Department with written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) to prepare the SA Planning Portal for consultation on the draft Code Amendment; and 92.1.5 provide the Department with the engagement plan prepared (and approved, if required) under these Practice Directions, for the purpose of the Department publishing the engagement plan on the SA Planning Portal.	
499423	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of	cl8(2)	92. Preparation of a Draft Proposal Code Amendment (Prior to Consultation) 92.2 The power pursuant to clause 8(2) of PD2, where an engagement plan is amended during any period of consultation or at any time prior to finalisation of the engagement report under the Practice Directions, to provide the Department with the engagement plan (as updated) for the purpose of the Department publishing the updated engagement plan on the SA Planning Portal	

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499424	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl9(1)	93. Requirements For a Draft Code Amendment 93.1 The power pursuant to clause 9(1) of PD2 to support a draft Code Amendment by the following information: 93.1.1 an explanation of the current code policy as it applies to the Affected Area (at the time of preparation of the draft Code Amendment) 93.1.2 an explanation of the amendments to the Code policy proposed for the Affected Area; 93.1.3 an assessment of the strategic planning outcomes intended to be achieved through the draft Code Amendment, including an analysis of the consistency of the draft Code Amendment with the relevant provisions of State Planning Policies, the Regional Plan and any other relevant strategic plans; 93.1.4 a summary and explanation of the investigations undertaken and how these support the draft Code Amendment; and 93.1.5 an explanation of any infrastructure or services required to support development facilitated by the proposed Code Amendment, and an explanation of how and when the infrastructure will be provided.	
499425	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of	cl11(1)	94. Complying Changes to the Code 94.1 The power pursuant to clause 11(1) of PD2, in relation to a proposal to agree to a complying change to the Code under Section 75 of the PDI Act, to provide the following information to the Department: 94.1.1 description of the relevant recommendations in the Regional Plan which relate to the proposed Code Amendment, including any specific maps or other specific information which clearly and expressly identify the changes relevant to the proposed Code Amendment; 94.1.2 a summary of any consultation which has occurred in accordance with the Charter in	

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	Designated Instruments		relation to the proposed Code Amendment or the relevant Regional Plan, including a copy of the engagement report prepared for the relevant Regional Plan and any additional consultation that has occurred for the proposed Code Amendment; 94.1.3 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out the intent of the proposed Code Amendment for the purposes of the Department writing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; and 94.1.4 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment	
499426	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl12(1)	95. Early Commencement of a Code Amendment 95.1 The power pursuant to clause 12(1) of PD2, in relation to a request for early commencement of a Code Amendment under Section 78 of the PDI Act to provide to the Department: 95.1.1 explanation, justification and evidence as necessary to demonstrate how early commencement of the Code Amendment is: 95.1.1.1 necessary in the interest of the orderly and proper development of an area of the state; and 95.1.1.2 required in order to counter applications for undesirable development (which should identify possible future development that would detract from or negate the object of the proposed Code Amendment) ahead of the outcome of consideration of the Code Amendment; 95.1.2 written instructions (in a form acceptable to the Department) that set out the intent of the proposed Code Amendment for the purposes of the Department writing the draft policy for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment; and 95.1.3 mapping instructions or a description of the Affected Area (in a form acceptable to the Department) in order to enable the Department to prepare and provide to the Designated Entity, mapping which is suitable for inclusion in the draft Code Amendment	

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623805	State Planning Commission Practice Direction 2 - Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments	cl6(3)	90. Preparation of an Engagement Report (Following Consultation) 90.3The power pursuant to clause 6(3) of PD2 to, in the engagement report also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the engagement that considers whether: 90.3.1the principles of the Charter have been achieved; and 90.3.2all mandatory requirements identified in the Charter have been met (where the consultation category is applicable).	