

February 23, 2023

**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING**

TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 01, 2023

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**JAY NANKIVELL  
GENERAL MANAGER**

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## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

February 22, 2023

**ITEM 1**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 32/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR  
MISCONDUCT FRAMEWORK D23/9794

**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 32/23 dated February 22, 2023, be received.
2. That the email reply from the Policy Liaison Officer to the Shadow Minister for Local Government Mr Greg Warren MP enclosing a copy of the Shadow Minister's submission dated 24 March 2022 to the Office of Local Government regarding the review of the Councillor Misconduct Framework, be received and noted.
3. That Council notes that reply correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Western NSW, and the Local Member for Barwon have not yet been received.

**Executive Summary:**

At the November 2022 Council Meeting Council considered a report regarding the Code of Conduct Statistics Annual Report and following discussion of this report an addendum to the motion was passed to write to the Minister of Local Government as follows:

**ITEM 9 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 258/22 - DATED NOVEMBER 01, 2022 - CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

D22/56678

**RESOLUTION**Minute No. 47040

Councillor R Algate moved )  
 Councillor M Boland seconded )

**Resolved**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 258/22 dated November 1, 2022, be received.
2. That That the Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics Annual Report for the Broken Hill City Council for the period of 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022 be forwarded to the Office of Local Government.
3. That Council sends correspondence to the Minister for Local Government and the Shadow Minister for Local Government advising of Council's concerns regarding the costs of implementing the Model Code of Conduct Policy in relation to complaints and the negative impact this has on Council as a whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence was sent to the Minister for Local Government and Shadow Minister for Local Government on 12 December 2022 as per the above Council resolution.

At the Council meeting held 24 January 2023, the Mayor tabled a late Mayoral Minute (MM1/23) following receipt of reply correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and resolved the following:

**ITEM 1 – LATE MAYORAL MINUTE - OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NSW COUNCILS (MM1/23)**

12/14

**RESOLUTION**

Minute No. 47087

Mayor T Kennedy moved )  
Councillor R Page seconded )

1. That Mayoral Minute 1/23 dated 24 January 2023 be received.
2. That correspondence received from the Honorable Wendy Tuckerman MP dated 16 January 2023 be noted.
3. That Council note its disappointment in the response received from the Minister for Local Government regarding Council's concerns about the costs associated with Code of Conduct complaints.
4. That Council is particularly concerned by the following statement from the Minister *"While I acknowledge your concerns, I would note the most effective way for Councils to minimise their code of conduct costs is for Councillors to ensure they conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the ethical and behavioural standards prescribed under their council's code of conduct"*.

It is wrong and offensive of the Minister to assume that a lodged Code of Conduct complaint means a breach from a Councillor and as can be read in the report from Gary Kellar the majority of complaints lodged are found to have no basis. There were 1074 complaints lodged by all councils in NSW in the past 3 year period and only 147 breaches were substantiated.

5. That Council reminds the Minister of the importance of procedural fairness, that a complaint does not automatically mean guilt and that many complaints are lodged for frivolous or vexatious purposes and often result in Councillors being found innocent of any breach, this was outlined in the report. Even though the vast majority has no basis it still costs the community dearly and causes immense stress and anxiety to Councillors and the Council as a whole. The Model Code of Conduct in its current form and the



proposed new version will do nothing to reduce costs and will likely increase complaints that end up having no basis.

6. That correspondence be sent to Minister Wendy Tuckerman, Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren, Minister Dugald Saunders, and MP Roy Butler again outlining Council's concerns about the Model Code of Conduct and the cost of frivolous, vexatious and minor complaints to the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council sent correspondence dated 31 January 2023 to the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Western NSW, the Shadow Minister for Local Government and the Local Member for Barwon.

Council has received reply correspondence from the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Greg Warren MP which is attached to this report.

Responses from the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Western NSW, and the Local Member for Barwon have not yet been received.

#### **Attachments**

1. Covering email from the Office of Greg Warren MP  
[↓](#)
2. Copy of the Shadow Minister for Local Government's submission to OLG - Review of Councillor Misconduct Framework for NSW Councils  
[↓](#)

LEISA BARTLETT  
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**Leisa Bartlett**

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**Attachments:** 240322 - Submisison - Review of councillor misconduct framework in NSW.docx.pdf

Good afternoon

I write on behalf of Mr Greg Warren MP and thank you for your email.

The concerns and feedback in Mayor Tom Kennedy's correspondence regarding the Office of Local Government's review of the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils is noted and will be kept on file.

I have also attached a copy of Mr Warren's submission for Mayor Kennedy's information.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

**Rania Haddad**  
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**Subject:** Correspondence from Mayor Tom Kennedy, Broken Hill City Council re OLG review of Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils

Good morning Mr Warren,

Please see attached correspondence (with attachments included) from Mayor Tom Kennedy regarding the Office of Local Government's review of the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils.

Regards,

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## Greg Warren MP

SHADOW MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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MEMBER FOR CAMPBELLTOWN

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Dear Secretariat,

### **RE: COUNCILLOR CONDUCT ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW**

I thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission with regards to the Councillor Conduct Accountability in NSW Local Government Review, in particular, the process for making complaints, the timeliness of disciplinary action and the efficacy of the disciplinary action and penalties available.

As a former Councillor and Mayor, I understand that it is essential that there is a strong, effective, robust and evolving framework to deal with councillor misconduct in NSW, with local communities rightly expecting their elected representatives on council to observe the highest standards of good governance and demonstrate appropriate standards of conduct. Such a system supports the sector as whole and more importantly, ensures credibility of the local government sector and community trust in the system.

In my capacity as Shadow Minister for Local Government, a number of issues have been brought to my attention with regards to councillor misconduct and the current regulatory framework and investigative processes in place, to deal with this misconduct.

Firstly, the length of time taken to resolve misconduct claims is a major concern. Good governance requires that issues of misconduct are dealt with competently and promptly, whatever the level of seriousness it may be. The length taken to conclude investigations is a key issue limiting the effectiveness and preventative capacity of the Model Code of Conduct. The time taken to conclude misconduct cases has in some cases taken several years to be finalised, reducing the efficacy of the Model Code of Conduct as a deterrent in terms of the framework in dealing with councillor misconduct.

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In putting this issue into perspective, I note the case of former Strathfield Mayor Antoine Doueihy. In that case, the matter was referred to the Office of Local Government (OLG) in late 2018 and it took almost two years for former head of the OLG, Mr Tim Hurst, to refer the matter to NCAT. This is despite the fact that Mr Doueihy was eventually found guilty of multiple breaches regarding disclosures.

Secondly, another significant issue that has been raised with me in terms of the Model Code of Conduct is the need for tougher sanctions and better enforcement of compliance with these sanctions to ensure that they are meaningful. There has to be a stronger willingness for the OLG and NCAT to apply sanctions for breaches of the Code and to ensure that they are sufficiently commensurate with the breach. One of the challenges with imposing tougher sanctions is that this can only be done by NCAT and the experience of the last five years indicates that NCAT also tends to be reluctant to impose stronger penalties. The current framework for dealing with councillor misconduct in NSW has been perceived by many as a toothless tiger, with the example of former Newcastle Mayor Alan Robinson clearly evidence of this. In that case, despite Mr Robinson's homophobic and outrageous remarks to Councillor Declan Clausen, comments which were made in the public domain, he was only handed a slap on the wrist and allowed to continue on Council.

Furthermore, another substantial issue brought to my attention with regards to the framework for dealing with councillor misconduct in NSW pertains to the high costs associated with misconduct complaints and the opportunity for the Model Code of Conduct to be used for political point-scoring purposes at the expense of councils and their communities. When one council is spending more than \$200,000 in one year to simply deal with code of conduct complaints, serious questions must be asked about the effectiveness and efficiency of the councillor conduct accountability framework.

Given the above, I ask for your appropriate consideration of the issues that I have raised in my submission when conducting your review, with the ultimate aim being to ensure that communities have confidence in the local government sector and our elected representatives.

Yours sincerely,



**Greg Warren MP**  
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community to reduce blood lead levels in children, when compared to other cities in Australia, and the funding they receive; and that Council's correspondence requests ongoing permanent funding for lead prevention programs and blood lead level testing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As per the above Council resolution, letters were forwarded to the relevant Ministers and the State and Federal Members on 28 July 2022.

Council received reply correspondence from The Hon Brad Hazzard MP, NSW Minister for Health on 20 October 2022 which was reported to the November 2022 Council Meeting.

At the October 2022 Council Meeting, Council considered a correspondence report noting reply correspondence from the Hon James Griffin MP, NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage and Council resolved as follows:

**ITEM 3 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 227/22 - DATED OCTOBER 07, 2022 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - LEAD PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND BLOOD LEAD LEVEL TESTING IN BROKEN HILL** D22/53144

**RESOLUTION**

Minute No. 1

Councillor M Browne moved  
Councillor R Page seconded

**Resolved**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 227/22 dated October 7, 2022, be received.
  
2. That correspondence be sent to the NSW Minister and Shadow Minister for Environment, and the NSW Minister and Shadow Minister for Health stating that the community of Broken Hill should be afforded the same support, program funding and protection against lead that the rest of NSW receives, especially given the amount of royalties that the government has received from Broken Hill's mining operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As per the above Council resolution, letters were forwarded to the relevant Ministers (which included The Hon Brad Hazzard MP) and Shadow Ministers on 10 November 2022 and Council has now received reply correspondence from the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, NSW Minister for Health (see attached).

**Attachments**

1. Inwards correspondence - Lead Prevention Programs - The Hon Brad Hazzard  
[↓](#) MP

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**The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP**  
Minister for Health

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Your ref EG:LJB  
Our ref M22/8289

Dear Mayor

Thank you for writing regarding environmental lead in Broken Hill, and the need for continued government support for the Broken Hill community. I acknowledge the Council's concerns and appreciate your interest in the matter.

As Minister for Health, I have been concerned about the health and wellbeing of children living in Broken Hill, with the issue being raised with me by the Hon. Dr Andrew Refshauge, Chair of Far West LHD Board.

FWLHD provides support to the community through the maternity unit and through child and family health, including ante-natal care, post-natal care and screening of children between six months and five years of ages. Clinicians provide advice about what can be done to reduce risks of lead exposure, and other interventions are available if necessary to manage high blood lead levels.

Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, funded by NSW Health, also provides a similar service to the community.

As you know there have been efforts to reduce community exposure to lead over the last 30 years. A childhood blood lead screening program has operated in Broken Hill since 1991. NSW Health advises that blood lead levels fell substantially during the first 15 years of this program, but have remained stubbornly elevated since around 2005.

In 2015, the NSW Government allocated more than \$13 million over five years for environmental dust monitoring across the town, some land remediation, public education about how to prevent childhood exposure to lead and additional research to strengthen the evidence around the impact of lead in Broken Hill.

While the program enhanced education of children and carers, and built a comprehensive evidence base that increased our understanding of lead contamination in Broken Hill, it appears to have had limited impact on the blood lead levels of children.

NSW Government funding for that program ceased in 2020. It was the view of myself and Minister for the Environment, the Hon. James Griffin MP, that we needed to reinvigorate and redesign the approach to lead in Broken Hill.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Premier and Cabinet has confirmed it will lead a co-ordinated, whole of Government response.

Secretary Michael Coutts-Trotter has advised that a cross-government committee will work to develop options for the Government to consider. Broken Hill Council and Aboriginal community groups will be invited to participate in the committee. Senior officials will contact yourself and other stakeholders and are planning to visit Broken Hill in early March.

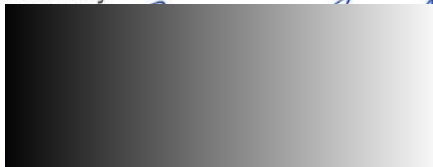
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We have a shared purpose in supporting the health and wellbeing of the Broken Hill community. The NSW Government looks forward to this historic engagement with Broken Hill Council and local stakeholders, to make a real difference for the future.

Yours sincerely



**Brad Hazzard MP**  
Minister for Health

15 FEB 2023

CC: The Hon. James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage  
The Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for Mental Health  
The Hon. Dr Andrew Refshauge, Board Chair, Far West Local Health District

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

February 20, 2023

**ITEM 3**

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 34/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - WATER QUALITY IN BROKEN HILL D23/9368

**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 34/23 dated February 20, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 17 February 2023 from Graham Attenborough, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Planning and Environment regarding Broken Hill's water quality, be received and noted.

**Executive Summary:**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held January 24, 2023 Council resolved to write to Broken Hill's Local Member, Roy Butler and the appropriate Minister outlining Council and the community's concerns about Broken Hill's quality of water.

Council resolved:

**ITEM 1 - LATE MAYORAL MINUTE - BROKEN HILL'S WATER SUPPLY (MM2/23)** 11/426

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolved**

Minute No. 1

Mayor T Kennedy moved )  
Councillor D Gallagher seconded )

1. That Mayoral Minute 2/23 dated 24 January 2023 be received.
2. That correspondence be sent to Roy Butler MP and the appropriate Minister outlining the concerns that the Council and the community have about the quality of the City's water supply and why Stephens Creek reservoir is not being used to supply the City's water needs at this time.
3. That Council notes the response and the information given to the community by the management of Essential Water has been inadequate and has left many in the community concerned about the safety of the City's water supply.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As per Council's resolution, Mayoral correspondence was sent to the NSW Minister for Lands and Water, Hon Kevin John Anderson, MP who forwarded the correspondence to Mr Graham Attenborough, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Planning and Environment.

Council has received correspondence from Mr Graham Attenborough, which is attached to this report for Council's information.

A reply from Roy Butler MP has not yet been received.

**Attachments**

1. Inwards correspondence - Quality of Broken Hill Water Supply - Department of  
[↓](#) Planning and Environment

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JAY NANKIVELL  
GENERAL MANAGER

**Department of Planning and Environment**



Our ref: MF23/318

Your ref: L23/247-11/426 TK:LJB

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17 February 2023

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Subject: Water Quality in Broken Hill

Dear Councillor Kennedy

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2023, to the Hon Kevin Anderson MP, Minister for Lands and Water, about water quality in Broken Hill. The Minister has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

I am sorry to hear of the recent experience with the water supply in Broken Hill.

Around the 8th January 2023, signs of discolouration began appearing in Broken Hill's raw water supply when high organics were observed in Murray River water. As a result, on 10 January, Essential Water began using a blend of Murray River water and Stephens Creek water to mitigate the high level of organics and water discolouration.

After an inconsistent batch of water entered the water treatment plant on 15 January, the Murray River water was completely switched off and Stephens Creek water was used exclusively.

On 25 January Essential Water began to blend the two raw waters once again, however the inconsistency and discolouration of the water from the Murray River led Essential Water to switch back to only using Stephens Creek water from 26 January.

The 20 kms of pipeline that connects the Broken Hill water treatment plant to the Murray River reservoir, which is owned and operated by WaterNSW, contains approximately 7 million litres of water that has been tested and cannot be treated. Essential Water will remove this water before resuming the extraction of water from the Murray River reservoir.

Unfortunately, the discoloured water entering the town's supply system resulted in small pockets of discolouration being present until 30 January. Essential Water advises that the safety aspect of the water treatment process was not compromised, and that turbidity and chlorine levels remained in line with health guidelines for all water leaving its treatment plant. While still safe to drink and use, the concerns of residents about the discoloured water are completely understandable.

Essential Water asks anyone who has discoloured water to contact them on 13 23 91, and they will come out to a customer's home or business to run tests and assess the water discolouration.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely



Graham Attenborough  
Chief Operating Officer

## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

February 3, 2023

**ITEM 4**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 35/23

SUBJECT:                    2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR MOTIONS                    D23/5724

**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 35/23 dated February 3, 2023, be received.
2. That, Council determine its motions (at this meeting) to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government in line with the Assembly's eligibility principles.
3. That motions be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association by March 24, 2023 along with a copy of the supporting Council resolution.
4. That Council approves the submission of the following motions to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government by the due date of 24 March 2023:

a) Federal support for strengthened fruit fly control in regional areas:

Motion: This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide funding for regional Councils to implement fruit fly exclusion zones and install infrastructure to help reduce the spread of fruit fly.

b) Construction of a standard gauge rail link between Broken Hill and Mildura:

Motion: This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support the construction of standard gauge rail to connect Broken Hill and Mildura.

**Executive Summary:**

The National General Assembly (NGA) brings together hundreds of delegates from Councils across Australia to debate issues of national significance to local government. It provides an opportunity for local Councils to develop and express a united voice on core issues affecting their communities with access to influential decision-makers of the federal government, at both the political and departmental levels.

This report is presented to Council to consider submitting Motions to the Conference which must be in line with the Assembly's eligibility principles (see attached).

The due date for the submission of motions is 24 March 2023 (prior to the March Council Meeting) and therefore must be resolved at the February Council Meeting (held 1 March 2023).

At the closing date for Councillors to submit items to the February Council Meeting, Council received two draft motions for endorsement by Council. These motions along with background information of how the motion aligns with the national objective, are attached to the report. The motions are also included in the recommendation of this report for Council's consideration.

**Report:**

The 2023 National General Assembly will be held in Canberra in June, (dates to be confirmed)

Attendance at the Assembly is an opportunity for our elected members to meet Federal Government Ministers and Shadow Ministers to discuss various matters of concern to the City. This face to face interaction is invaluable as a follow up to Council's letters/submissions to Ministers regarding current matters of high importance to the City and advocating Council's position on these matters.

The Australian Local Government Association Board is calling for motions for the 2023 National General Assembly under this year's theme "*Our Communities, Our Future*".

Motions to the Assembly (including a Background) and along with the respective Council resolution, should be submitted electronically and should be received by the Australian Local Government Association no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 24 March, 2023.

To assist Councils in preparing motions, a discussion paper is available on the National General Assembly website (see attached copy).

To be eligible for inclusion in the National General Assembly Business Papers motions must follow the principles and must also be accompanied by a Council resolution:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. 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.
6. 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.
8. 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 to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions should have a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motions, and be accompanied by Council's resolution.

Attached to this report are two draft motions for Council's consideration and endorsement for submission.

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the National General Assembly's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. Motions should commence as follows: "*That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to.....*". A background to the motion is also required to be submitted.

This report is presented to Council to consider submitting the following two Notice of Motions to the National General Assembly Conference:

**1) Federal support for strengthened fruit fly control in regional areas:**

**Motion:**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide funding for regional Councils to implement fruit fly exclusion zones and install infrastructure to help reduce the spread of fruit fly.**

**National Objective:**

Fruit flies are one of the world's most destructive horticultural pests and pose a risk to fruit and vegetables grown both commercially and privately. Non-commercial transfer of fruit to regional centres can act as a stepping-stone for the spread of the pest, allowing it to traverse arid and semi-arid areas in which it would not ordinarily survive. The spread of fruit fly (both Mediterranean Fruit Fly and Queensland Fruit Fly) is an ongoing threat to Australia's \$13 billion horticultural industry.

**Summary of Key Arguments:**

Mediterranean Fruit Fly and Queensland Fruit Fly pose an ongoing risk to Australia's \$13 billion horticultural industry, but its natural spread inland is thwarted by arid and semi-arid conditions in which it cannot survive.

However, if eggs or larvae are transported across this inhospitable environment to regional centres, the pest is often able to gain a foothold in private or commercial plantings. From there it can spread by similar means to other nearby centres.

Broken Hill is an ideal example. The detection of fruit fly in Broken Hill was largely considered an anomaly in the past, however the city now suffers regular and severe seasonal outbreaks of Queensland Fruit Fly. This has raised local concerns about the potential spread of fruit to nearby agricultural centres such as Wentworth and Mildura.

The fact that fruit fly has been able to establish a foothold in a city as isolated as Broken Hill shows that a similar issue could occur almost anywhere in Australia.

Given that commercial fruit operations are already subject to industry pest controls and receive Government support for pest control, it is important that further control measures focus on the non-commercial movement of fruit.

Support from the Federal Government could allow Councils to enforce stricter controls around the non-commercial movement of fruit fly through their LGAs.

Regional centres could potentially be empowered to declare their LGAs as Fruit Fly Exclusion Zones, and enforce fines or other deterrents to prevent the movement of potentially contaminated fruit into and out of their LGA.

Funding for the installation of basic signage and fruit disposal bins at the entry/exit points of all regional centres could help reduce the risk of travellers inadvertently transporting contaminated fruit to other areas.



Mediterranean Fruit Fly is currently contained to pockets in Western Australia, whilst the Queensland Fruit is currently found in large number along the northern and eastern coasts.

Further spread of either of species could cause significant damage to the country's agriculture industry. Empowering Councils to take a more active role in the control of fruit fly is a simple step to help reduce the risks posed by this pest.

## **2) Construction of a standard gauge rail link between Broken Hill and Mildura:**

### **Motion:**

**This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support the construction of standard gauge rail to connect Broken Hill and Mildura.**

### **National Objective:**

The connection of Broken Hill to Mildura would have significant benefits to multiple States and LGA's with respect to trade, national defence, logistics, environmental footprint, renewables economy and tourism. The connection would also represent another step in the ongoing national effort to further standardise the rail network across the country.

### **Summary of Key Arguments:**

The connection of Broken Hill and Mildura via standard gauge rail has been primarily championed by Prof. John Irwin, Chris Luxford, and Ron Hughes as a project labelled "The Barkindji Corridor".

The rail connection would have national benefits across a broad range of areas including:

**Defence:** An unbroken direct rail link from Perth and Darwin to Puckapunyal and Bandiana military bases.

**Mining:** The proposed rail corridor traverses some of Australia's largest deposits of mineral sands and iron ore and could assist significantly with transport from proposed or future mining projects.

**Disaster management:** The new corridor would end the total reliance on the rail link between Melbourne and Perth (via Adelaide). It also provides another option for general rail connectivity between capital cities in the event of national disasters such as flooding and fire.

**Freight and logistics:** It is currently impossible to run double-stacked trains between Melbourne-Adelaide, Melbourne-Perth, and Melbourne-Darwin due to the gradients, curves, and other safety issues related to rail freight through the Adelaide Hills. A link between Broken Hill and Mildura would allow trains to departing from Melbourne to Perth, Adelaide, or Darwin to bypass the Adelaide Hills and deliver double the amount of freight per journey.

**Environment:** The shift from road to rail for freight provides a reduction in emissions of between 65%-85%. The increase in rail linkage between Broken Hill and capital cities also has the potential to establish Broken Hill as a central recycling centre for the nation, thereby helping address the challenges Australia is facing with regard to recyclables.

**Agriculture and trade:** The rail link would provide improved transit between Australia's wealthiest food bowl, the Murray Darling Basin, and the port of Darwin. This will improve access to South East Asia which constitutes Australia's largest food export market.

Tourism: Improved tourism links between Melbourne and Broken Hill, and improved access to both the Ghan and Indian Pacific trains from regional Victoria.

Synergy: The link between Broken Hill and Mildura would complement the Inland Rail Project and the Western Interstate Freight Terminal (WIFT) project planned for Truganina, in the City of Melton in Melbourne's west

Copies of the draft motions are attached to the report for Council's endorsement for submission to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.

**Community Engagement:**

Nil.

**Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction:	2	Our Economy
Objective:	2.1	Our businesses are well connected and thrive in an environment that support innovation and economic growth
Strategy:	2.1.3	Collaborate with key stakeholders for improved accessible transport and connectivity including air, road and rail services to and around the City

Key Direction:	3	Our Environment
Objective:	3.1	Our environmental footprint is minimised
Strategy:	3.1.3	Collaborate with key stakeholders on environmental issues

**Financial Implications:**

Nil financial implications for the submission of motions.

A separate report is to be presented to the February 2023 Council Meeting to consider attendance at the conference which carries financial implications.

**Attachments**

1. [↓](#) NGA Call for Motions Discussion Paper
2. [↓](#) Draft Motion - Fruit Fly Exclusion Zones
3. [↓](#) Draft Motion - Broken Hill to Mildura rail link

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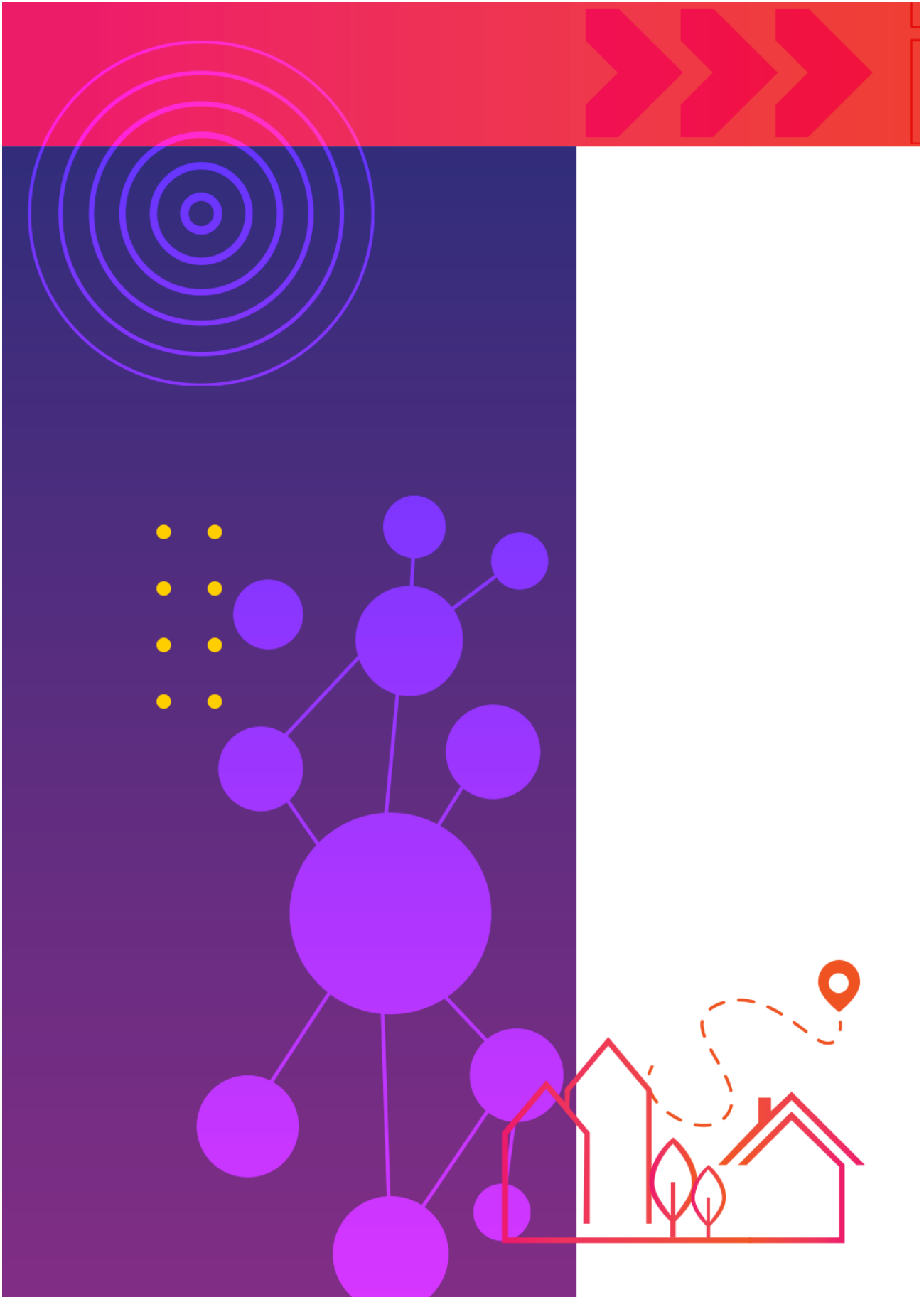
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**DISCUSSION PAPER**  
Call for Motions

**JUNE 2023**

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CANBERRA







The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 29<sup>th</sup> National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra mid June 2023.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2023 NGA.

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend this event familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper.

## Key Dates

<b>December 2022</b> Opening of Call for Motions	<b>24 March 2023</b> Acceptance of Motions	<b>June 2023 *</b> Regional Cooperation & Development Forum	<b>June 2023 *</b> National General Assembly
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\* Dates are subject to change depending on timing of Australian Council of Local Government





## Background to ALGA and the NGA

ALGA was established in 1947, and its structure is a federation of member state and territory local government associations.

Its mission is to champion and strengthen Australian councils by representing the agreed position of ALGA members, the seven local government associations from around Australia, who represent 537 Australian councils.

In 1994, the ALGA Board, in consultation with its member associations, established the NGA as a unique forum to engage with councils directly at the national level.

The purpose of the NGA was to build the profile of local government on the national stage and demonstrate to the Australian Government the strength and value of working with local government nationally.

As part of the NGA, debate on motions was introduced as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas, and solutions to the challenges facing Australia’s councils and communities.

Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could then be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their own advocacy to the Federal Government and Federal MPs.

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

## Changes for 2023

The ALGA Board has undertaken a comprehensive review of the motions process.

As a result, ALGA has allocated additional time for debate on motions at the 2023 NGA and amended the criteria with a view to improving the quality and relevance of motions included in the Business Papers.

The updated criteria for motions is listed on page 6.

ALGA’s policies and priorities will continue to be informed by motions and determined by the ALGA Board and based on the positions of its member associations.

ALGA’s Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA, and those that will take the time to submit motions for debate at this event.





## Submitting Motions

### The theme of the 2023 NGA: Our Communities, Our Future.

This theme conveys the critical importance of our communities, how they are the focus of our attention, and how they are at the centre of all our work.

Our communities are the reason that local governments exist, and it is the health and wellbeing of our communities that will shape Australia's future.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2023 NGA, to be held in Canberra mid June 2023.

A notice of motion to this year's NGA should either:

- Focus on practical and deliverable programs and policies that the Australian Government can support and work directly with the local government sector to build our communities; or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver national objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and able to be implemented.

They must also meet the guidelines for motions outlined in this 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 should address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available at [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) and be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the NGA Subcommittee to ensure that they meet the criteria included in this paper.

The Subcommittee 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.

All NGA resolutions will be published on [www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au](http://www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au).

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

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 2023 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:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. 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.
6. 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.
8. 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 to support the outcome being sought 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 ...*





## Other things to consider

Please note that it is important to complete the background section on the 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.

Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

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

Multi-point motions that require cross portfolio coordination have not historically received meaningful responses from the Government.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the NGA Subcommittee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Subcommittee will consider the motions 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 Subcommittee will group 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 on motions 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.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au).

All motions require, among other things, 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 received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 March 2023.**

## Setting the scene

*Through a devastating pandemic, through a succession of dangerous and damaging natural disasters, through global uncertainty and painful price rises – The Australian people have demonstrated the best of our national character. Resolute and resilient in hard times. Practical and pragmatic about the challenges we confront. Optimistic and confident in a better future. And ready to work together to build it.'*

*The Hon Jim Chalmer MP, Federal Treasurer Budget Speech 2022-23*

The opening statement of the Federal Treasurer's first Budget Speech describes the backdrop against which the 2023 NGA will be held.

The 2022 NGA was held just weeks after the change in the Federal Government on 21 May 2022. On 25 October 2022, the new Government handed down its first Budget which updated the economic outlook, realigned priorities and outlined how the Government was to meet its election promises.

The Budget update foreshadows deteriorating economic conditions, citing global challenges, slowing growth, high inflation and higher interest rates, and acknowledges the mounting cost of living pressures on individuals, families and communities.

Key updates include:

- The economy is expected to grow solidly this financial year, by 3 ¼ percent – before slowing to 1 ½ percent growth for 2023/24, a full percentage point lower than what was forecast in March;
- That slowing growth will have an effect on employment, but jobs will continue to be created, and unemployment is expected to stay low by historical standards – at 4 ½ percent in 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- Inflation is expected to peak at 7 ¾ percent late in 2022, before moderating over time to 3 ½ percent through 2023/24, and returning to the Reserve Bank's target range in 2024/25; and that
- When that inflation moderates, real wages are expected to start growing again in 2024.



The Government is also committed to repairing the Budget in a ‘measured and responsible’ manner consistent with the objective of maintaining full employment and the delivery of essential services. It foreshadows that this will be achieved through spending restraint, with new spending focused on high-quality and targeted investments and building on the capability of the Australian people, expanding the productive capacity of the economy, and supporting action on climate change.

The Budget also included a focus on measuring and improving community wellbeing.

By the time of the 2023 NGA, the Government will have delivered its second Budget, which will provide further updates to the economic outlook and also refine its economic strategy going forward.

The 2023 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 extended programs and policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments’ capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to communities across the nation.

This year’s call for motions focusses on eight priority areas:

- Productivity;
- Local Government Infrastructure;
- Community Wellbeing;
- Local Government Workforce;
- Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security;
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy;
- Natural Disasters; and
- Housing.





# 1. Productivity

In February 2022, the then Federal Treasurer asked the Productivity Commission to undertake an inquiry into Australia’s productivity performance and provide recommendations on productivity enhancing reform.

This inquiry was the second of a regular series, undertaken at five-yearly intervals, and recognises that productivity growth is vital for Australia’s future. Drawing on the Intergenerational Report the Treasurer notes that ‘... future growth in income and living standards will be driven from productivity growth as the participation effects of young migration are offset by an ageing population.’

ALGA engaged SGS Economics and Planning to undertake research to support its submissions to this inquiry.

SGS Principal and Partner Dr Marcus Spiller presented on some of the findings of this research at the 2022 NGA. In his presentation he identified that local governments generate local economic activity through employment, payment of wages and expenditure on goods and services in the local economy. In addition, SGS identified nine ways local government supports the productive capacity of the broader economy.

Figure 1 – Nine ways local governments contribute to the productive capacity of the broader economy:



Sources: Adapted from SGS Research for ALGA’s Submission to Productivity Commission (2022)

*Are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to improve local government’s capacity to support productivity growth?*

*Are there programs that could support one, or all of the identified ways local government contributes to productivity in the broader economy?*



## 2. Local Government Infrastructure

The 2021 National State of the Assets Report (NSoA) shone a spotlight on local government infrastructure assets. While the technical report shows that local government assets such as roads, bridges, buildings, parks and recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater and airports and aerodromes are generally in good to very good condition, around 10 percent are not fit for purpose, and around 20 – 25 percent are only fair and over time will need attention.

Over the past 12 months this situation has further deteriorated as a result of natural disasters, and particularly flooding across the eastern seaboard.

The technical report shows that in 2019/20 non-financial infrastructure assets were valued at \$342 billion and were depreciating at \$7.7 billion per year. Replacement costs of these infrastructure assets were in the order of \$533 billion.

While 86 percent of councils have adopted long term financial plans, one third of councils do not have asset management plans for their major assets, or if they do, they are out-of-date. Of the councils that do have asset management plans only 66 percent included financial projections in their financial plan.

Asset management and long-term financial planning are essential tools for councils to manage community assets now and into the future.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of council's infrastructure?*

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





### 3. Community Wellbeing

While the NSoA focuses attention on physical assets, local governments also provide a wide range of important community services that improve local wellbeing. These services are provided at the discretion of councils based on local characteristics, needs, priorities and resources of the local community.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows that local government annual expenditure in 2020/21 was \$43 billion. It is important to note that nationally local government is 83 percent self-sufficient. That is, the vast majority of local government services and infrastructure are funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, and interest, and only 17 percent comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, and often require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might like.

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

- environmental health including food safety;
- childcare, early childhood education;
- aged care, senior citizens;
- services to the disabled;
- programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, program and festivals;
- tourism and economic development activities; and
- library services.

Councils also play a key role making places that are attractive and liveable for current and future workers, and closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

ALGA's research shows that almost one in four councils are heavily reliant on federal Financial Assistance Grants, which make up at least 20 percent of their annual operating revenue. Financial sustainability of local governments remains an ongoing issue which threatens local service provision and community wellbeing.

*Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services in your area and across the country, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?*

*Are there changes to existing programs, including to administrative arrangements, that would significantly improve local government human service planning and provision of services and infrastructure across Australia?*

*Are there new programs the Australian Government could develop that would support councils to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians?*

*What are the actions the Australian Government could take to support councils to improve their ongoing financial sustainability, and their capacity to deliver the services their communities need?*



## 4. Local Government Workforce

Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 190,800 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations. In many communities, the council is one of the largest employers.

There are 537 local councils in Australia. Importantly, they are geographically dispersed and provide essential public administration to every corner of the nation.

According to the 2022 National Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey, more than 90 percent of local governments are experiencing skills shortages, resulting in around two thirds of councils having their projects impacted or delayed.

Skills shortages occur for a variety of reasons including an inability to compete against the private sector, worker accommodation, support services for families, ageing of the workforce and geographic isolation. The attrition rate (or rate of turnover) of local government staff is estimated to be between 15 – 20 percent per annum.

The most cited skills shortages include engineers, urban planners, building surveyors, environmental officers and human resources professionals.

ALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission's Productivity Inquiry called on all levels of government to work together to improve training pathways and address skills and labour shortages for the benefit of councils, communities, and businesses right across Australia.

While local government must face its immediate workforce challenges, it must also anticipate the changing nature of work, and future skills needed to meet the changing needs of our communities.

*Are there programs or initiatives that the Commonwealth 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 Commonwealth Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?*

## 5. Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital for 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 has the ability to 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, many councils lack basic technological infrastructure and have a shortage of necessary skills and resources.

In October 2022, cyber-attacks on major Australian corporate organisations including Optus and Medibank Private highlighted the critical importance of cyber security. 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-attack and address cyber security. At a national level, there is a poor understanding of local government's vulnerability to cyber-attacks and a lack or inadequacy of risk management strategies and business continuity planning within the sector. 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 own council experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state, or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure and/or to improve cyber security within the sector?*





## 6. Climate Change and Renewable Energy

Local governments are playing an important leadership role in addressing climate change, supporting a wide range of programs to lower the carbon footprint of their own business operations and in their local communities.

As a sector, local government is leading the debate for lowering carbon emissions, sourcing renewable energy, responding creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and facilitating the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Councils also have a role to play supporting communities in transition, moving away from fossil fuels to new industries.

Pragmatically, local government has been at the forefront of addressing the impacts of climate change and adapting to reduce its environmental footprint. These impacts include an increased number of days with high temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets and natural ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management.

At the 2022 NGA, there were five Strategic Motions and 15 associated motions debated concerning this issue. Councils are encouraged to review these motions on ALGA's website prior to developing new motions for debate at the 2023 NGA.

*Noting the Government's commitment to reducing emissions, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could develop to assist councils in their work to address climate change and reduce emissions?*





## 7. Natural Disasters

Over the past five years, Australian communities have experienced unprecedented natural disasters. At the time of writing, almost every community in Australia, particularly those on the East Coast, had been adversely affected by wet weather conditions associated with the La Nina weather pattern.

Councils in Western Australia are still recovering from a cyclone in 2021, and the Black Summer bushfires in 2019/20 burned approximately 250,000 square kilometres across the country.

The impacts of heavy rainfall, record breaking floods and associated social disruption and damage to infrastructure have exposed weaknesses as well as the strength of current emergency management systems.

There have been numerous NGA motions in the past regarding natural disasters. This year, councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

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

*What new 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?*





## 8. Housing

A lack of affordable housing remains one of the biggest issues for Australian councils and communities.

There is less social and affordable housing stock available than there was a decade ago, and more low-income Australians are experiencing housing stress.

The shortage and rising costs of rental properties and affordable home ownership are having significant social and economic impacts in cities and towns across Australia, including rural and regional communities.

This is due to a range of factors including changes to recent migration patterns, cheap finance and labour and material shortages in the construction sector.

While the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, councils often facilitate affordable housing within their communities, operating within state/territory planning, financial and other legislation requirements.

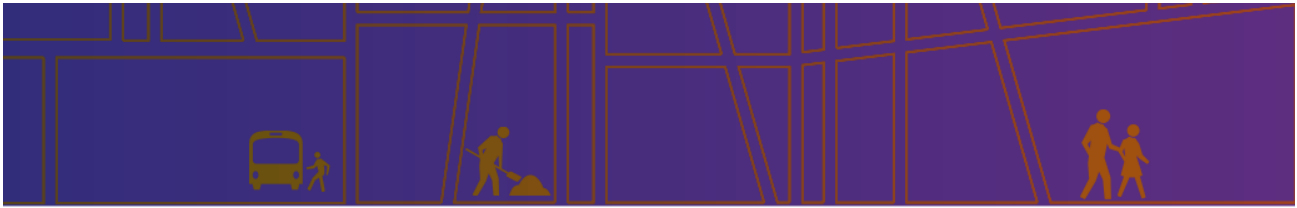
Some councils are going further, addressing thin markets and developing land and housing themselves, delivering local solutions to meet the needs of their communities.

Local government also plays an important role addressing some of the causes of homelessness, including social inclusion programs that can assist mental health and family violence issues, as well as providing support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

*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?*





## Conclusion

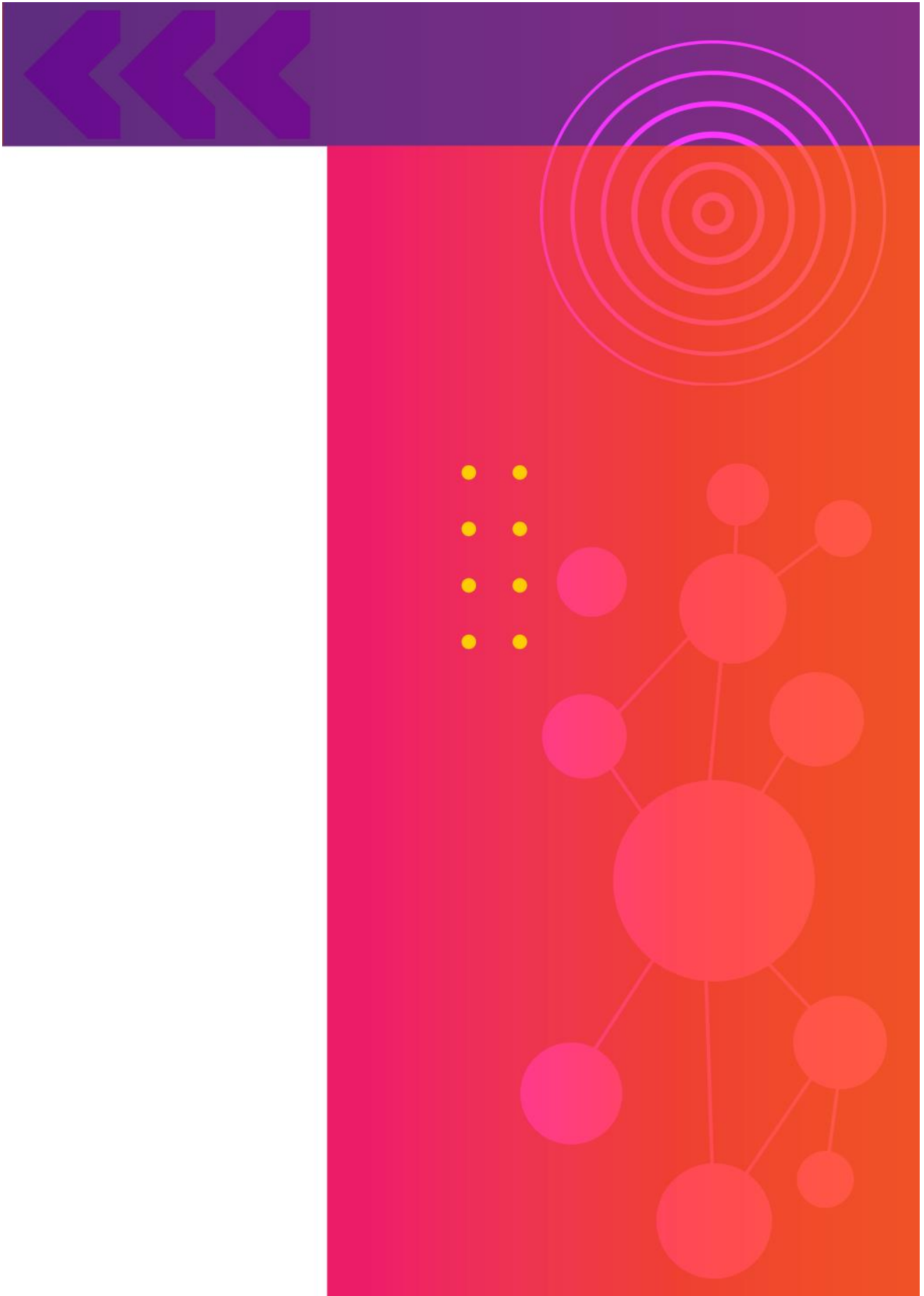
Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.

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## DRAFT MOTION TO THE 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

To the General Manager

Please submit the following NGA draft motion to the February 2023 Council Meeting for Council's consideration.

<p><b>SUBJECT:</b> <i>subject of the motion.</i></p>	<p>Federal support for strengthened fruit fly control in regional areas</p>
<p><b>MOTION:</b> (must start with the words: "This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to .....")</p>	<p>This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide funding for regional Councils to implement fruit fly exclusion zones and install infrastructure to help reduce the spread of fruit fly.</p>
<p><b>NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b> <i>Explain why the matter is a national issue and why it should be debated at the NGA? (maximum of 200 words)</i></p>	<p>Fruit flies are one of the world's most destructive horticultural pests and pose a risk to fruit and vegetables grown both commercially and privately. Non-commercial transfer of fruit to regional centres can act as a stepping-stone for the spread of the pest, allowing it to traverse arid and semi-arid areas in which it would not ordinarily survive. The spread of fruit fly (both Mediterranean Fruit Fly and Queensland Fruit Fly) is an ongoing threat to Australia's \$13 billion horticultural industry.</p>
<p><b>SUMMARY OF KEY ARGUMENTS:</b> <i>Background information and supporting argument (maximum of 500 words)</i></p>	<p>Mediterranean Fruit Fly and Queensland Fruit Fly pose an ongoing risk to Australia's \$13 billion horticultural industry, but its natural spread inland is thwarted by arid and semi-arid conditions in which it cannot survive.</p> <p>However, if eggs or larvae are transported across this inhospitable environment to regional centres, the pest is often able to gain a foothold in private or commercial plantings. From there it can spread by similar means to other nearby centres.</p> <p>Broken Hill is an ideal example. The detection of fruit fly in Broken Hill was largely considered an anomaly in the past, however the city now suffers regular and severe seasonal outbreaks of Queensland Fruit Fly. This has raised local concerns about the potential spread of fruit to nearby agricultural centres such as Wentworth and Mildura.</p>

	<p>The fact that fruit fly has been able to establish a foothold in a city as isolated as Broken Hill shows that a similar issue could occur almost anywhere in Australia.</p> <p>Given that commercial fruit operations are already subject to industry pest controls and receive Government support for pest control, it is important that further control measures focus on the non-commercial movement of fruit.</p> <p>Support from the Federal Government could allow Councils to enforce stricter controls around the non-commercial movement of fruit fly through their LGAs.</p> <p>Regional centres could potentially be empowered to declare their LGAs as Fruit Fly Exclusion Zones, and enforce fines or other deterrents to prevent the movement of potentially contaminated fruit into and out of their LGA.</p> <p>Funding for the installation of basic signage and fruit disposal bins at the entry/exit points of all regional centres could help reduce the risk of travellers inadvertently transporting contaminated fruit to other areas.</p> <p>Mediterranean Fruit Fly is currently contained to pockets in Western Australia, whilst the Queensland Fruit is currently found in large number along the northern and eastern coasts.</p> <p>Further spread of either of species could cause significant damage to the country's agriculture industry. Empowering Councils to take a more active role in the control of fruit fly is a simple step to help reduce the risks posed by this pest.</p>
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<b>MOTION SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Broken Hill City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	17/2/2023



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<p><b>SUBJECT:</b> <i>subject of the motion.</i></p>	<p>Construction of a standard gauge rail link between Broken Hill and Mildura.</p>
<p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>(must start with the words: "This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ....")</i></p>	<p>This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support the construction of standard gauge rail to connect Broken Hill and Mildura.</p>
<p><b>NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b> <i>Explain why the matter is a national issue and why it should be debated at the NGA? (maximum of 200 words)</i></p>	<p>The connection of Broken Hill to Mildura would have significant benefits to multiple States and LGAs with respect to trade, national defence, logistics, environmental footprint, renewables economy, and tourism. The connection would also represent another step in the ongoing national effort to further standardise the rail network across the country.</p>
<p><b>SUMMARY OF KEY ARGUMENTS:</b> <i>Background information and supporting argument (maximum of 500 words)</i></p>	<p>The connection of Broken Hill and Mildura via standard gauge rail has been primarily championed by Prof. John Irwin, Chris Luxford, and Ron Hughes as a project labelled "The Barkindji Corridor".</p> <p>The rail connection would have national benefits across a broad range of areas including:</p> <p>Defence: An unbroken direct rail link from Perth and Darwin to Puckapunyal and Bandiana military bases.</p> <p>Mining: The proposed rail corridor traverses some of Australia's largest deposits of mineral sands and iron ore, and could assist significantly with transport from proposed or future mining projects.</p> <p>Disaster management: The new corridor would end the total reliance on the rail link between Melbourne and Perth (via Adelaide). It also provides another option for general rail connectivity between capital cities in the event of national disasters such as flooding and fire.</p>

	<p>Freight and logistics: It is currently impossible to run double-stacked trains between Melbourne-Adelaide, Melbourne-Perth, and Melbourne-Darwin due to the gradients, curves, and other safety issues related to rail freight through the Adelaide Hills. A link between Broken Hill and Mildura would allow trains to departing from Melbourne to Perth, Adelaide, or Darwin to bypass the Adelaide Hills and deliver double the amount of freight per journey.</p> <p>Environment: The shift from road to rail for freight provides a reduction in emissions of between 65%-85%. The increase in rail linkage between Broken Hill and capital cities also has the potential to establish Broken Hill as a central recycling centre for the nation, thereby helping address the challenges Australia is facing with regard to recyclables.</p> <p>Agriculture and trade: The rail link would provide improved transit between Australia’s wealthiest food bowl, the Murray Darling Basin, and the port of Darwin. This will improve access to South East Asia which constitutes Australia’s largest food export market.</p> <p>Tourism: Improved tourism links between Melbourne and Broken Hill, and improved access to both the Ghan and Indian Pacific trains from regional Victoria.</p> <p>Synergy: The link between Broken Hill and Mildura would complement the Inland Rail Project and the Western Interstate Freight Terminal (WIFT) project planned for Truganina, in the City of Melton in Melbourne’s west.</p>
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<b>MOTION SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Broken Hill City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	17/2/2023

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

February 17, 2023

**ITEM 5**

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 36/23

SUBJECT: NSW VALUER GENERAL'S LAND VALUATIONS FOR PROPERTIES IN BROKEN HILL AND THE EFFECT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF COUNCIL LAND RATES D23/9168

**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 36/23 dated February 17, 2023, be received.
2. That Council note the Deputy Mayor and General Manager on behalf of the Mayor, met with the Valuer General and CEO of Valuation of NSW.
3. That Council lodge an objection on behalf of the City to the Valuer General within the 60-day statutory timeframe citing the disparity in calculated land valuations across the City.

**Executive Summary:**

At the Policy and General Committee Meeting held 15 February 2023, the Committee considered a matter of urgency raised by Mayor Kennedy regarding the land valuation notices that have been recently posted to Broken Hill residents from the NSW Valuer General.

The Committee discussed the impact of the new land valuations on the distribution of rates across the City and carried the following recommendation:

- 3 . GENERAL BUSINESS - DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023 - MATTER OF URGENCY - VALUER GENERAL'S LAND VALUATIONS FOR PROPERTIES IN THE CITY D23/8709

**Recommendation**

Moved Mayor Tom Kennedy, Seconded Councillor Michael Boland

1. That correspondence be sent to the Valuer General's Office, Roy Butler MP, the appropriate Minister and Shadow Minister objecting to the City's latest valuations and pointing out the grave mistakes made and the implications the inconsistencies will cause to rate disparity.
2. That the General Manager provides a report to the February Council Meeting regarding rates disparity across the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This report is presented to Council to provide rates modelling comparisons based on the current land values (2019 base date) and the future land values (2022 base date)

determined by the Valuer General’s Office; and showing its effect on the distribution of rates across the City within the different rates categories.

**Report:**

**Residential**

Residential land values have increased significantly in the latest valuation from a total land value of \$157.3 million 2019 base date to \$319.5 million 2022 base date. This increase in value has not been applied equally to residential properties in the city with individual property value changes ranging from an increase of 464% through to some properties reducing in value by 26%. This large variance in movements of property values will in turn lead to a large discrepancy in the movements of residential rates within the city with limited available methods for Council to flatten out the rates due to already reaching the allowable 50% base rate cap.

Rates disparity has been an ongoing issue within the city as all rate payers receive the same services from Council, while the amount they pay in rates varies significantly based on the valuation of their property.

As an example of this, a 1012sqm residential block in Wyman St is valued at \$92,500 leading to projected rates - if last year’s model carries through - of \$2,155, whilst a 1012sqm block in Hebbard St is valued at \$21,200 leading to projected rates of \$938.66.

Whilst the Hebbard St. block has an increase to rates of 17% this year and the Wyman St. block an increase of 1% so closing the gap somewhat, the difference in rates of \$1,186.34 shows that rates disparity due to valuation is still a major issue for the city and that the new valuations have done little to close that gap.

The table below shows movements in valuations and resultant projected rates for blocks within different areas of the city.

	Assessment	Address	Land size	Rates Current	Rates Projected	Change (%)	Change (\$)	Land Valuation Current	Land Valuation Future	LV movement
North- East	30825	Chapple ST	992.8	\$ 1,265.54	\$ 1,221.85	-3%	-\$ 43.69	21600	37800	75%
	17095	Beryl ST	1003.9	\$ 1,099.91	\$ 1,070.02	-3%	-\$ 29.89	16600	28900	74%
	103739	Wolfram ST	999	\$ 1,162.85	\$ 1,128.02	-3%	-\$ 34.83	18500	32300	75%
North	105551	Wyman ST	1012	\$ 2,123.52	\$ 2,155.00	1%	\$ 31.48	47500	92500	95%
	22756	Brazil ST	1012	\$ 1,861.82	\$ 1,893.99	2%	\$ 32.17	39600	77200	95%
	107797	Schlapp ST	1012	\$ 1,938.01	\$ 1,969.05	2%	\$ 31.04	41900	81600	95%
Central	55053	Jones ST	1012	\$ 1,129.72	\$ 1,226.96	9%	\$ 97.24	17500	38100	118%
	67355	Morgan ST	1012	\$ 1,129.72	\$ 1,226.96	9%	\$ 97.24	17500	38100	118%
	65094	Mica ST	1012	\$ 1,335.11	\$ 1,283.26	-4%	-\$ 51.85	23700	41400	75%
South	77552	Patton ST	1012	\$ 921.02	\$ 1,110.96	21%	\$ 189.94	11200	31300	179%
	56796	Knox ST	1012	\$ 894.52	\$ 1,073.43	20%	\$ 178.91	10400	29100	178.91
	51136	Hebbard ST	1012	\$ 801.76	\$ 938.66	15%	\$ 136.90	7600	21200	179%
West	83550	Rowe ST	1012	\$ 1,013.78	\$ 1,110.96	10%	\$ 97.18	14000	31300	124%
	98475	Wills ST	1012	\$ 874.64	\$ 1,010.31	16%	\$ 135.67	9800	25400	159%
	49205	Harris ST	1012	\$ 877.96	\$ 1,015.43	16%	\$ 137.47	9900	25700	160%

The table below shows the breakdown of residential rates within the city in terms of projected rates following the revaluation. The first 3 rows show the lower end, with those paying less than \$1200 comprising of 71% of ratepayers contributing 58% of total residential rates.

From the last 2 rows of the table, it can be seen that at the higher end, those that pay over \$1,500 in rates, has 15% of ratepayers contributing 25% of total residential rate income. Ideally, to reduce rates disparity, the lower end rates would increase by a small amount with that burden spread across 71% of the rate payers which would provide significant rates relief to the higher end of the rates spectrum where 15% of ratepayers are paying 25% of the total rates.

Category (Projected Levy)	Projected Levy average	Ratepayers	% of Rate Income	% Ratepayers	Average LV	Average LV Change
\$560 - \$900	\$ 803.58	2,034	15%	22%	\$ 13,298.34	117%
\$900 - \$1000	\$ 950.15	1,403	12%	15%	\$ 21,873.20	119%
\$1000 - \$1200	\$ 1,095.28	3,162	31%	34%	\$ 30,380.00	133%
\$1200 - \$1500	\$ 1,311.39	1445	17%	15%	\$ 43,044.64	104%
\$1500 - \$3000	\$ 1,886.33	1297	22%	14%	\$ 76,751.46	95%
\$3000+	\$ 3,433.31	97	3%	1%	\$ 167,432.98	58%
		<b>9,438</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		

## Business

As with residential assessments, Business valuations have also varied significantly in the latest valuations causing a large discrepancy in projected rates movements for the upcoming year. Business land value movements have ranged from -76% to +188%.

In a rating category with only 540 properties this wide range of valuation changes leads to very large swings in rates payable within the category. Changes in projected rates based on last year's modelling range from a 46% reduction in rates to a 270% increase in rates for a number of properties. 41 properties would have no increase or a reduction in rates while the other 499 properties would increase by varying degrees between 2% - 270%.

An example of the large variances in business valuation changes is Argent St where 117 business assessments in Argent St have an average valuation increase of 35% whereas 10 Argent St assessments at the eastern end of Argent St increased by an average of 74%. The difference in projected rates is an increase of around 2.6% versus an increase of 22%.

The table below shows some examples of business assessments changes due to the new valuations. While business rates can be difficult to compare due to the larger difference in the size of the parcels the last column which shows the percentage change in the valuation highlights the wide range of valuation movements which in turn affects the projected rates for each assessment.

The two major shopping centres in Broken Hill have shown no increase in valuation and have remained stagnant over the past three years. Given that this is highly sought after commercial/industrially zoned land, it would be reasonable to expect an increase in accordance with other business/industrial land.

Business 2023-24 by area									
	Address	Land size	Rates Current	Rates Projected	Change (%)	Change (\$)	Land Valuation Current	Land Valuation Future	LV Increase (-decrease) (%)
Argent St	Argent ST	2023	\$ 8,043.43	\$ 8,190.80	2%	\$ 147.37	79900	111000	39%
	Argent ST	3566	\$ 9,687.48	\$ 12,105.96	25%	\$ 2,418.48	98000	170000	73%
	Argent ST	557.5	\$ 3,728.94	\$ 3,824.41	3%	\$ 95.47	32400	45200	40%
Patton St	Patton ST	506	\$ 1,721.56	\$ 2,032.73	18%	\$ 311.17	10300	18200	77%
	Patton ST	320	\$ 1,439.99	\$ 1,667.75	16%	\$ 227.76	7200	12700	76%
	Patton ST	1012	\$ 1,994.06	\$ 2,921.93	47%	\$ 927.87	13300	31600	138%
Large Shopping Centres		6.262	\$ 192,440.34	\$ 140,841.65	-27%	-\$ 51,598.69	2110000	2110000	0%
		4.65	\$ 144,299.68	\$ 105,671.59	-27%	-\$ 38,628.09	1580000	1580000	0%
North	McCulloch ST	81	\$ 1,240.16	\$ 1,548.31	25%	\$ 308.15	5000	10900	118%
	Williams ST	6564	\$ 13,865.73	\$ 14,163.08	2%	\$ 297.35	144000	201000	40%
	Williams ST	3800	\$ 3,429.19	\$ 4,196.02	22%	\$ 766.83	29100	50800	75%
West	Gypsum ST	699	\$ 1,794.23	\$ 2,736.13	52%	\$ 941.90	11100	28800	159%
	Ryan LANE	2023	\$ 1,648.90	\$ 2,464.06	49%	\$ 815.16	9500	24700	160%
	Gypsum ST	375.6	\$ 1,367.32	\$ 1,568.22	15%	\$ 200.90	6400	11200	75%

## Business Industrial

The business industrial subcategory was created by Council for the 2021-22 rating year following large increases to values for properties in the Kanandah Road, Pinnacles Road precinct. The total rates contribution for Business industrial was reduced for the 2022-23 rating year from 5.49% of total rates income to 4.31% to provide further rates relief following the preceding large valuation increases. The category includes 71 properties which in this valuation have all had similar valuation movements, they have all decreased in value by between 12.9% -13.5%. This leads to projected rates increases based on last years model carrying through of 3.7% – 4.4%. With the rate peg for 2023-24 3.7% this rating category has remained relatively stable following the new valuations.

## Mining

Broken Hill currently has 2 mining assessments that combined, contribute 16% of total rates income. The two mining assessments increased in value by 1% and 14% leading to projected rates increases of 3% and 14% respectively. Mining assessments don't pay a base rate, their rates are calculated on a purely ad-valorem basis driven by valuations.

**Meeting with Valuer General**

Following the release of the 2022 land valuations and analysis of impacts, a meeting was organised with the Valuer General and Council.

The Deputy Mayor and General Manager met with the Valuer General and CEO of the Valuer General's Office on the 22 February 2023. The meeting primarily focused around the disparity of land valuations in relation to visible market sales data.

The meeting resulted in a positive outcome with the Valuer General agreeing to a city-wide review of land valuations following the submission of City-wide objection from Council stating the areas of concern along with sales and market data as evidence.

**Community Engagement:**

A media release regarding the Valuer General's land valuations was published in the Barrier Truth on 22 February 2023 and further updates will be provided to the community in the near future, following the Mayor and General Manager's meeting with the NSW Valuer General in Sydney on 22 February 2023.

**Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.3	We unite to succeed in Australia's first city on the National heritage List
Strategy:	4.3.4	Maintain a strong relationship and regularly engage with the Minister for Local Government and other Ministers

**Relevant Legislation:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

*Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*

**Financial Implications:**

Changes to valuations by the Valuer General do not affect the total rates revenue raised by Council. Valuation changes can have significant impacts across the community as the valuations determine the distribution of the rates burden within the community and disparate valuations can lead to ratepayers paying very different amounts to receive the same level of service from Council.

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

SIMON BROWN  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL  
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

February 17, 2023

**ITEM 6**

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 37/23

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING  
NO.432, HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023 D23/9165

**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 37/23 dated February 17, 2023, be received.
2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting No.432, held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 be endorsed.
3. That Council approve Item 432.10.1:
  - *That Council contacts NSW Police for a determination whether the allocated parking spaces for 'Police Vehicles Only', at the old Police Station on Argent Street and at the rear of the Town Hall Façade are still required.*
  - *That upon determination, 'Police Vehicle Only' signage adjacent to the old Police Station on Argent Street and at the back of the Town Hall Façade, be changed to match existing timed parking in the area and to allow for general use.*

**Executive Summary:**

Under Guidelines published in March 2009 by the Roads and Traffic Authority (now known as Transport for NSW), entitled 'A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic states':

"The Local Traffic Committee (LTC) has no decision-making powers and is primarily a technical review committee. It only advises the Council on matters for which the Council has delegated authority, being certain prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities.

The Council must refer all traffic related matters to the LTC prior to exercising its delegated functions. Matters related to State Roads or functions that have not been delegated to the elected Council must be referred directly to Transport for NSW or relevant organisation. Such matters must not be referred to the LTC.

Council is not bound by the advice given by its LTC. However, if Council does wish to act contrary to the unanimous advice of the LTC or when the advice is not unanimous, it must notify Transport for NSW and the NSW Police and wait 14 days before proceeding."

**Report:**

This report is to provide Council with the minutes and action list of the Local Traffic Committee meeting, held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 which details recommendations to Council for consideration of adoption.

**Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction:	4.	Our Leadership
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Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.1	Support the organisation to operate its legal framework

**Relevant Legislation:**

- *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 1999*, and
- Road Rules 2008
- A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic (guidelines)

**Financial Implications:**

Financial implications for any of the recommendations to Council will be detailed in the LTC minutes, if relevant.

**Attachments**

1. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO. 432, HELD  
[↓](#) ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023

CODIE HOWARD  
CHIEF ASSETS AND PROJECTS OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL  
GENERAL MANAGER



## LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING No.432

Meeting held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 2pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Centre or via Teams

Minutes taken by: Council's Administration Officer, Tanya Ralph

#### 432.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Chairperson, Codie Howard, Council's Assets and Projects Officer commenced the meeting at 2.05pm, welcomed all representatives present and performed the 'Acknowledgment to Country'.

#### 432.2 Present

Codie Howard	Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Jenene House	Transport for NSW Representative/Associate, Community and Safety Partner – Far West Precinct
Peter Beven	Local Member's Representative
Marion Brown	Councillor Observer
Barry Walker	Council Observer – Compliance Officer
Kathy Graham	Council Observer - Waste and Sustainability Manager, Interim Works Manager
Nyrie Waite	Corporate Administration

#### 432.3 Apologies

David Vant	Transport for NSW Representative
Chris Wallace	NSW Police Representative/Acting Inspector (Police)

#### 432.4 Disclosure of Interest

- **432.7.1 – Intersection of Cummins and Zebina Streets – Complaint regarding Speeding Traffic – R.D & C.F Andrews**

Local Member Representative, Peter Beven informed the committee that he has a disclosure of interest, being that he is an acquaintance with the complainant.

#### 432.5 Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on **Wednesday, 6 December 2022** were confirmed and approved by the Local Traffic Committee at their scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, 7 February 2023**.

- **431.6.4 – Banner Installations**

Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised that there is a correction to the minutes from the December 2022 meeting, in the below sentence:

*'Transport for NSW representative, Jenene House suggested that the installation of rumble bars may be a good safety measure for the areas.'*

Although the rubble bars are a road safety treatment, but not the best, this should state:

'Transport for NSW, Jenene House said that the kerb extension would be a good safety treatment, but also to consider other options for the banner poles'.

**Moved:** Jenene House

**Second:** Codie Howard

All in favour

#### 432.6 Council Resolutions

The Committee Recommendations below were adopted by Council at its meeting held on **Tuesday, 24 January 2023.**

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL HELD  
JANUARY 24, 2023

**ITEM 9 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 9/23 - DATED DECEMBER 19, 2022 -  
MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 431. HELD ON TUESDAY, 6  
DECEMBER 2022** D22/67387

**RESOLUTION**

Minute No. [47097]

Councillor M Browne moved )

Councillor R Algate seconded )

**Resolved**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 9/23 dated December 19, 2022, be received.
2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting No.431, held on Tuesday, 6 December 2022 be endorsed.
3. That Item No. 416.6.1 –
  - Council installs signage along Union Street in accordance with the signage concept plan developed.
  - That correspondence be forwarded to the Principal of the Morgan Street Public School advising of the LTC's decision and that a copy of the concept design for installation of signage be provided to school for inclusion in its newsletter to educate parents on parking regulations.
4. That Item No. 430.6.1 - That Council installs 'No Right Turn' signs at either side of Wolfram Lane at the intersection of Sulphide Street to divert traffic from turning right into Sulphide Street.
5. That Item No. 431.6.2 - That Council line mark and installs a sign for a designated parking space adjacent to the North Post Office in McCulloch Street to allow parking of postal vehicles from Monday to Friday, between 9.30am to 12.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**432.7 Correspondence In**

Item No.	EDRMS No.	Details
432.7.1	D23/2233	Intersection of Cummins and Zebina Streets – Complaint regarding Speeding Traffic – R.D & C.F Andrews
432.7.2	D23/4260	Request to Seal Felspar Lane behind the residents in Knox Street – Darren Richards
430.6.1	D23/1848	Additional Information – 554 Argent Street – Complaint regarding Truck – Annette Herd

**432.8 Correspondence Out**

Item No.	EDRMS No.	Details
430.6.1	D22/68272	LTC Response – Request for installation of 'No Right Turn' at the intersection of Wolfram Lane and Sulphide Street – Peter Druitt
416.6.1	D22/68399	LTC Response – Council Resolution – Parking concerns on the resident's side of Union Street adjacent to the Morgan Street Public school – Letter Box Drop
416.6.1	D23/4395	LTC Response – Council Resolution – Parking concerns in Union Street – Morgan Street Public School Letter
432.7.1	D23/4331	LTC Acknowledgement Letter – Concerns with speeding motorist along Zebina Street – Andrews
431.6.1	D23/4842	LTC Response – Council Resolution – Request for drop off and pick up parking space for Postal Van adjacent to North Post Office in McCulloch Street – Brian Henderson

**432.9 Draft Local Traffic Committee - Terms of Reference**

Prior to the meeting the committee were asked to review the draft Terms of Reference for the Local Traffic Committee that includes the functions of the committee, format of meeting and requirements for membership and representation.

The draft Terms of Reference has been prepared in accordance with 'Transport for NSW guidelines – Delegation to Councils – Regulation of Traffic Committees'.

Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer, Codie Howard explained that Council at their meeting held on Wednesday, 30 November 2022, minute number: 47055 resolved the following:

*'That Council reviews the Local Traffic Committee's Terms of Reference in consultation with the Local Traffic Committee to ensure best practices with Transport for NSW guidelines and appropriate membership and delegations.'*

Committee comments discussed were as following:

- The committee have requested further clarification to confirm, that if recommendations from a meeting, where all members or representative are not present, should the minutes and recommendations be presented to Council?

**Section 10 – Minutes of Meetings** states that:

*'Council must prepare the minutes of the meeting. Copies of the LTC minutes must be forwarded to all LTC members for their confirmation, prior to the recommendations either being presented to the elected council or acted on by the Council's sub-delegate.*

This means that members or representatives that are not present for a meeting are still required to provide their confirmation of the minutes for the meeting, including recommendations.

Transport for NSW, Jenene House mentioned that although it is not in the Transport for NSW Delegations or the meeting of traffic committee. Council is required to pass on the minutes of meetings to all member or representative that were not present for the meeting.

Council will pass on the minutes of each meeting, including recommendations made by the committee, providing a time limit to provide a response, and if a response is not received by this date, then it can be taken as there is no objection from that member or representative of the committee and for the minutes and recommendation to be presented to Council.

**Recommendations:**

- *That Transport for NSW, Jenene House will investigate the process of the committee and seek clarification on whether confirmation is required from all members and representatives of the committee, including those not present before the minutes and the recommendations can be presented to the Council meeting for adoption.*
- *That the committee continue to review the draft Terms of Reference for the Local Traffic Committee that provide their comments and feedback to the secretary of the committee by Wednesday, 15 February 2023 so that these can be included in the document for discussion at the next scheduled committee meeting.*

**Moved:** Codie Howard

**Second:** Jenene House

All in Favour

**432.10 General Business**

Item No.	EDRMS No.	
432.10.1		Request to remove 'Police Vehicles Only' parking adjacent to the Police Station in Argent Street
		<p>With the recent relocation of the Police Station to their new building in Blende Street, the allocated parking spaces (Police Vehicles Only) adjacent to the Police Station on Argent Street and at the back of the Town Hall Façade, can now be changed for general use for the community.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Council contacts NSW Police for a determination whether the allocated parking spaces for 'Police vehicles Only', at the old Police Station on Argent Street and at the rear of the Town Hall Façade are still required.</i></li> <li>• <i>That upon determination, 'Police Vehicle Only' signage adjacent to the old Police Station on Argent Street and at the back of the Town Hall Façade, be changed to match existing timed parking in the area and to allow for general use.</i></li> </ul>

		<p><b>Moved:</b> <i>Codie Howard</i></p> <p><b>Second:</b> <i>Peter Beven</i></p> <p><i>All in Favour</i></p>
Item No.	EDRMS No.	Details
432.10.2		<p>Silverton Road</p> <p>Local Member, Peter Beven raised several requests that will be managed by Council, as these are not matters for the Local Traffic Committee.</p> <p>Peter informed the committee; Silverton Road will be resealed soon. Downer the company that is currently resealing the Adelaide Road is planning to reseal the Silverton Road, including a coat and line marking, from Broken Hill to Silverton.</p> <p>When Silverton Road was widened, to allow for caravans to access the road for the Mundi Mundi Bash, the natural drainage on the side of the road for the trees were removed and as result the trees are not getting any water and are dying.</p> <p>Additional information relevant to works for the Silverton Road was provided by Transport for NSW, Jenene House following the meeting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road condition - seepage between new shoulders and the new road. Current ongoing maintenance between the joins. The final seal will address the issue and were scheduled for late 2022 when the weather is warmer.</li> <li>• Widen creek crossing. The 26 creek crossings will be widened. Delivery of materials had commenced in February 2023 with commencement of works scheduled in March 2023. The works will see the creeks widened to 1.5-2m based on site condition using large rocks and concrete.</li> <li>• Road from Silverton to the bash is not wide enough. Can something be done about that? There are no works planned for that section as it is not just simply maintenance. Funding will be required to resolve the issue. My suggestion is to reduce the speed to 60km/hr from Silverton to the Bash based on local traffic conditions.</li> <li>• Since the maintenance, the tress along the roadside do not receive water (that previously pooled from rain events). Peter suggested it would be a simple fix with a bit of channeling from roadside to the trees. The trees are in the Broken Hill City Council LGA and not the responsibility of TfNSW.</li> </ul>

432.11 Action Item List

Date	Item Details
April 2022	Request for Additional Disability Parking adjacent the Aquatic Centre – June Page – Aquatic Centre
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>423.8.3</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/7513
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending
Date	Committee Recommendation/s
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That traffic counters be placed in the Aquatic Centre carpark to identify the speed of vehicles.</li> <li>• That correspondence be forwarded to the respondent advising of the committee decisions and inform that the area does not warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing and that the area does not qualify for a speed zone reduction.</li> </ul>
Action Date	Running Actions
April 2022	<p>Correspondence has been received from June Page expressing her concerns in relation to matter relating to the Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>June has asked that the Local Traffic Committee review the number of disability parking spaces available at the Aquatic Centre for people with a disability. June stated there are currently two disability parking bays near the front doors of the Aquatic Centre, with the rest being located near the public toilets. June is a volunteer at the Aquatic Centre and June has advised that two additional disability parking bays need to be installed across from the existing two, near the entrance to the Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>Another concern highlighted by June is the speed of motorists in the car park area. and June has suggested that a speed hump be installed to stop people driving too fast. June has also asked that a sign be installed indicating the speed limit in the carpark areas and that the inclusion of a pedestrian crossing be considered.</p> <p>Council's Assets Officer, Paul Bezzina had inspected the carpark area and advised the committee that there are currently six disability parking spaces in the carpark area, with a disability access ramp near the entrance to the Aquatic Centre. Australian Standards states that there needs to be two disability parking spaces, to every four standard parking spaces.</p> <p>The committee agreed that there are sufficient disability parking spaces available in accordance with the Australian Standards requirements.</p>

June 2022	<p>Transport for NSW, David Vant mentioned that regarding speeding of motorists in the carpark area, Council could place traffic counters to collect the data around the number of speeding vehicles and to record the speed they are travelling.</p> <p>Requirement for a pedestrian crossing will also come down to the data collected from the traffic counters.</p> <p>David Vant informed the committee, that the volume of traffic in the area would not warrant a pedestrian crossing and the suggestion for speed humps would be up to Council to decide.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That traffic counters be placed in the Aquatic Centre carpark to identify the speed of vehicles.</li> <li>• That correspondence be forwarded to the respondent advising of the committee decisions and inform that the area does not warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing and that the area does not qualify for a speed zone reduction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Codie Howard <b>Second:</b> Paul Bezzina</p>
July 2022	<p>The Disabled Parking has been installed in the Aquatic Centre Car Park. The line marking of the parking bays will be completed in August 2022 when the line markers are in town. The committee were informed that the traffic counters have not yet been installed, as the counter requires new batteries and once received by Council, the traffic counter will be placed to collect the required data for the committee.</p>
August 2022	<p>The committee were advised that disability stencils for line marking and hatching in the carpark adjacent to the Aquatic Centre will be completed from the 8-10 September 2022.</p>
September 2022	<p>New traffic counters are being purchased by Council and will be put in place when they are available.</p> <p>Update to be provided to the committee at the next committee meeting.</p>
October 2022	<p>Traffic counters to be installed across the Aquatic Centre carpark and the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting, to help with the committee decision for a recommendation.</p>
November 2022	<p>The new traffic counters have arrived. Council is planning for these to be installed in the relevant location, with data collected to be presented to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
December 2022	<p>The new traffic counters have been received, calibrated and are ready to be placed. These will be installed by Council. The traffic counters will be placed for a period of seven days.</p>
February 2023	<p>The traffic counters have been placed and the data is currently being transferred by Council's Information Services.</p> <p>The data will be available for the committee at the next meeting.</p>

Date	Item Details
June 2022	Traffic concerns at Rainbow Preschool and Patton Lane – Nicole Delbridge (Director)
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>425.6.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/27012
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending
Date	Committee Recommendation/s
July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Speak with director of Rainbow about parking arrangement, specifically about the angle parking to see if they have any issues, if the lane way was to be changed to one way traffic.</i></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The residents in the area to be spoken with to seek clarification and determine what they want in the lane way.</i></li> </ul>
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That the Director of the Preschool be approached to seek clarification of the issue that she has raised, followed by a letter box drop being delivered to the residents in the area for feedback.</i></li> </ul>
September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That Patton Lane direction of traffic be changed to one-way, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool, for a trial period of six months with council continuing to communicate with residents who access the back of their properties from the access lane.</i></li> <li>• <i>That the Preschool be asked to communicate the changes to conditions in their newsletter to parents.</i></li> <li>• <i>That Council place a notification in the local newspaper to inform the community of the six-month trial period to change to the direction of traffic in Patton Lane, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool.</i></li> </ul>
Action Date	Running Actions
June 2022	<p>That line marking be installed by Council and a possible option would be for the lane to be changed to one-way to slow traffic. Codie will follow up and provide the committee an update at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>That the lane be inspected by Council's Asset Officer.</p>
July 2022	<p>An inspection of the area has identified that there is currently 45-degree angle parking for patrons and parents of students attending the Rainbow Preschool.</p> <p>It has been raised those residents that live in the area are having issues with space in Patton Lane, with the number of cars parking in this section of the lane.</p>



	<p>It was suggested to change the lane way to one-way. There is currently line marking, but no parking signage. For this reason, motorists are parking where they want. Suggestion to make the lane one way traffic from a dedicated entry point in Victoria Street, from Patron Street through to Rainbow Preschool.</p> <p>Another option would be to install 'No Parking' signs in the problem areas in Patton Lane, where the vehicles park. Historically the 45-degree angle parking was installed to allow for more parking for patrons of the preschool. It has been identified that the angle parking does not allow enough space for the lane way to be two-way traffic.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Speak with director of Rainbow about parking arrangement, specifically about the angle parking to see if they have any issues if the lane way was to be changed to one way traffic.</i></li> <li>• <i>The residents in the area to be spoken with to seek clarification and determine what they want in the lane way.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Peter Beven <b>Second:</b> Jenene House</p> <p>Suggestion raised to block or discourage use of the vacant block as an entry point to the laneway. Council will check the details around the vacant block. Suggestion for a site inspection of the area if the matter warrants.</p>
<p>August 2022</p>	<p>It was determined by the committee that further action is required before a decision can be made by the committee.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That the Director of the Preschool be approached to seek clarification of the issue that she has raised, followed by a letter box drop being delivered to the residents in the area for feedback.</i></p>
<p>September 2022</p>	<p>Codie informed the committee that the Preschool and some of the affected residents have been approached in the affected area to determine what the issue is. Four of the residents are happy for the proposed changes to the laneway, for it to be converted to one way, with only one resident having concerns as he had a boat and will need to be able to access the property. The proposed change will not be changing the width of the road.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That Patton Lane direction of traffic be changed to one-way, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool, for a trial period of six months with Council continuing to communicate with residents who access the back of their properties from the access lane.</i></p> <p><i>That the Preschool be asked to communicate the changes to conditions in their newsletter to parents.</i></p> <p><i>That Council place a notification in the local newspaper to inform the community of the six-month trial period to change to the direction of traffic in Patton Lane, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool.</i></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Codie Howard <b>Second:</b> Jenene House <i>All in Favour</i></p>

October 2022	Traffic counters to be installed across Patton Lane adjacent to the Preschool and for the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting, to help with the committee decision for a recommendation.
November 2022	Traffic counters have now been received and arrangements will be made for the counters to be put in place. The data/statistics collected to be provided to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.  Following the traffic counters being placed, the committee will then decide on the commencement date for the trial period for changing the direction of the traffic in Patton Lane, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool.
December 2022	Codie has communicated with the Director of the preschool and Council will look at installing the signs and starting the trial period in February 2023 when school goes back.
February 2023	Codie prepared a concept plan for the area and arrangements are underway for the signs to be installed. Firstly, Council will advise the school so that this information can be included in the newsletter and for Council to advertise the commencement of the trial period and the change of traffic conditions in the Patton Lane.  A concept plan has been developed and will be sent through to the committee for the next meeting. Council will arrange advertising and for the signs to be installed in Patton Lane at the commencement of the six-month trial. Council will forward correspondence to the school with an update.
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
August 2022	Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Concerns, Blende Street for residents of Con Crowley Village – Ron Jeffrey
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>427.6.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/34844 and D22/345053
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That traffic counter/classifiers data be collected to determine the speed of vehicles travelling along Blende Street between the two roundabouts.</li> <li>• That the bus company be consulted to see if they have issues with the Bus Stop being relocated to an area outside of the Con Crowley Village gates further along Blende Street.</li> </ul>

September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That traffic counters be placed across Blende Street, between Gossan and the Galena Street roundabout, to determine the volume of traffic and for the width, adjacent to Con Crowley Village, to be measured to see if it would allow enough space for the bus to park in the area requested adjacent to the Con Crowley Residents Hall.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Running Actions</b>
August 2022	<p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer, Codie Howard met with Ron Jeffery from Con Crowley Village on Thursday, 28 July 2022 to discuss his complaint.</p> <p>Mr Jeffery expressed his concerns with the elderly residents not being able to cross Blende Street safely from their residence to the Coles Shopping Complex.</p> <p>Jeffery would like a traffic light crossing or something similar implemented in the middle of Blende Street to allow safe passage across the street.</p> <p>Codie explained that there are traffic blisters near the roundabout at Gossan Street in place for this reason. Ron mentioned that cars approaching the roundabout are turning left out of Gossan Street and taking the corner very quickly. During his discussion with Jeffrey, Codie witnessed this complaint when a car had turned the corner too fast.</p> <p>There are currently traffic counters in this area, that have been placed for a separate reason. Council can use the data collected to help with further investigation.</p>
	<p>Transport for NSW, David Vant explained that there would be certain standards that would be required, to warrant a crossing.</p> <p>The gate at the Con Crowley Village is located near the main hall and residents are crossing the road at this point and not crossing at the blister near the roundabout.</p> <p>Jeffery has also requested that the bus shelter on the corner of Galena and Blende Streets be relocated.</p> <p>– these issues can be reviewed and considered by the committee. If the bus stop can be moved, it could be moved near the hall for village residents.</p> <p>This 'Bus Stop' was in place before the perimeter fencing was installed at Con Crowley Village. Consultation will be required with the bus company before any decisions are made by the committee.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That traffic counter/classifiers data be collected to determine the speed of vehicles travelling along Blende Street between the two roundabouts.</li> <li>That the bus company be consulted to see if they have issues with the Bus Stop being relocated to an area outside of the Con Crowley Village gates, further along Blende Street.</li> </ul>
September 2022	<p>Council's Asset Officer, Paul Bezzina liaised with the Bus Company, and they have advised that they do not have any concerns or objections, for the Bus Stop to be relocated to the gates at the resident's hall of the Con Crowley village on Blende Street.</p> <p>Refer to <b>Item 428.6.3 - D22/44823</b> - Request to relocate the Bus Stop to further down the road adjacent the Residents Hall at Con Crowley Village, Blende Street</p>

	<p>– CDC Broken Hill – Adrian Rouse.</p> <p>Correspondence from the Bus Company received by the committee requesting the relocation of the bus company.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That traffic counters be placed across Blende Street, between Gossan and the Galena Street roundabout, to determine the volume of traffic and for the width, adjacent to Con Crowley Village to be measured to see if it would allow enough space for the bus to park in the area requested, adjacent to the Con Crowley Residents Hall.</i></p>
October 2022	Traffic counters to be installed across Blende Street and for the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting, to help with the committee decision for a recommendation.
November 2022	Traffic counters have now been received and arrangements will be made for the counters to be put in place. The data/statistics collected to be provided to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.
December 2022	Traffic counters to be installed by council and the data will be discussed with the committee at the next meeting.
February 2023	<p>The traffic counters have been placed and the data is currently being transferred by Council's Information Services.</p> <p>The data will be available for the committee at the next meeting.</p>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
August 2022	Request from a member of the public to review the traffic management of the KFC drive-through
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>427.9.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	N/A
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
December 2022	<i>That Council design a concept plan for the area and for the committee to discuss at the February 2023 meeting.</i>
<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Running Actions</b>
August 2022	Cars are backing up daily in the drive through of KFC out into Lane Street, blocking the Oxide Street roundabout and the southern lane of Lane Street. Please discuss possible options to alleviate this issue.

<p>September 2022</p>	<p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer has spoken with the Manager of KFC Broken Hill who will pass the concerns onto the Regional Manager.</p> <p>Council will continue to speak with the local Manager of KFC to see if they have any other options to alleviate the traffic issues that have been caused due to the overflow of cars accessing the drive-through.</p> <p>The problem is with traffic congesting the intersection of the KFC driveway and the exit to the roundabout at the intersection of Oxide and Lane Streets.</p> <p>Police Representative, Matt McCarthy will pass the traffic matter onto Highway Patrol to schedule additional patrols of the area and for the area to be monitored more frequently. An option would be for KFC to redesign the carpark area.</p>
<p>October 2022</p>	<p>Codie informed the committee that he had not yet received a response from the Regional Manager for KFC.</p> <p>It was decided at the previous meeting that a 'No Left Turn' sign be erected near the entrance to the KFC carpark to eliminate the congestion and cars banking across the intersection on the roundabout. There would then be no parking for the indented area on the opposite side of Lane Street, to allow for through access and flow of traffic with the inclusion of right turning lane to enter the KFC carpark.</p>
	<p>David Vant suggested that the Regional Manager be advised that Council are proposing to construct a concrete median in the middle of the road, to run from the bore of the roundabout to the end of the exit driveway, to stop motorists turning right into the driveway and hatch first 10m to 20m on the left side. This would force customers to exit from the other side and would mean the KFC driveways and carpark would need to be redesigned. It is suggested that this information would force a response from the Regional Manager and from there other options could be suggested.</p> <p>It was suggested that the original Development Application be checked to see what the approved conditions were in relation to parking arrangements. Being that the business on occasion is closed for walk in customers, this would change the traffic flow condition of the original consent. David Vant outlined that by them changing the access to the business and only having the driveway available for customers, meant that they have modified the original consent conditions with the approved number of vehicles in the drive through.</p> <p>They must comply with the original consent. Investigations are required to determine what the original consent conditions were to see how much they have amended their original consent.</p> <p>Codie will liaise with the Development and Compliance Department of Council to see what the original development application conditions were and provide an update to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
<p>November 2022</p>	<p>The conditions of initial Development Application will be reviewed to see if KFC are in breach of the consent conditions. Kath advised the committee that she will liaise with Codie to see if the consent conditions have been checked and for an update to be provided to the committee at the next committee meeting, so the committee can decide on what action will be taken.</p>

<p>December 2022</p>	<p>Council has tried to contact the Regional Manager of KFC on a number of occasions without success.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p><i>That Council design a concept plan for the area and for the committee to discuss at the February 2023 meeting.</i></p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>At a previous meeting the committee make the decision that if Council had no response from management at KFC, Council would develop a concept plan of proposed changes in the area as shown below.</p> <div data-bbox="507 645 1350 1169" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The width of Lane Street adjacent to KFC is 20m from kerb to kerb as there are two cut out parking bays on either side of the street. On the northern side to the center line 10.5m to the center line and 9.5 on the southern side.</p> <p>Council's Road Engineer inspected the site to complete the measurements and drew up the concept plan in accordance with Australian Standards to check the clearance to be able to have the turning lane into KFC and the lane on the opposite side so there is not back of vehicles wanting to access KFC.</p> <p>Jenene had asked if there are any obstructions the sight distance on the roundabout for the vehicles turning left. Codie advised that the inlets are flat and there are no hills or rises. There are some shrubs on the corner.</p> <p>Council researched the allowances or specifications of driveways into an intersection, AusRoads Standards for road design that there is no minimum or maximum stand. It says to be mindful. The only other option would be to remove the roundabout and install traffic lights at the intersection.</p> <p>Jenene suggested that installing a permanent structure in the middle of the road, like a median strip would prohibit vehicles turning right out of the driveway onto Lane Street.</p> <p>Codie advised the committee that cost for installing the signage on the concept plan would be minimal, and that this cost would be covered under Council's maintenance budget.</p>


	<p>If a median strip was to be implemented, then the cost would be considered under Council's Capital Works budget.</p> <p>Initially, when this matter was first raised with the committee, NSW Police Representative, Chris Wallace advised the committee that additional patrols of the area will be undertaken by the Police.</p> <p>The committee have been asked to review the concept plan and provide any comments or suggestions to the Secretary of the committee by Wednesday, 15 February to be included on the agenda for the March Committee meeting for further discussion.</p>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
September 2022	Road Safety Concerns adjacent to the Willyama High School – Skye Chan-McBeth
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>428.6.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/42548
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
September 2022	<i>Traffic counters will be placed on Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data and to determine the speed of motorists during school hours.</i>
<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Running Actions</b>
September 2022	<p>The committee received correspondence expressing concerns with the lack of road safety on the road adjacent to the Willyama High School, as there are a lot of speeding cars during school hours. The respondent has requested that the road be reviewed and for the road to be made safer, with speed humps and a pedestrian crossing possibly being installed to make it safe for school children to cross the road.</p> <p>The respondent had not identified the road in the request. The committee assume that the road in question is Murton Street with speeding motorists.</p> <p>Transport for NSW, Jenene House informed the committee that she is currently doing traffic and pedestrian observation. Jenene mentioned that this is part of her role with Transport for NSW and also includes school zone road safety.</p> <p>Jenene will investigate this matter further. Jenene has a meeting planned with the Road Safety Education Consultant to discuss other matters and will mention the concerns raised at the Willyama High School during this meeting and provide the committee an update at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>Codie suggested that Council contact the respondent to find out further information that will help with the investigation and raise the matter of speeding and compliance with the Police to monitor.</p>

	<p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>Traffic counters will be placed on Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data and to determine the speed of motorists during school hours.</i></p>
October 2022	Traffic counters to be installed across Murton Street and for the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting, to help with the committee decision for a recommendation.
November 2022	<p>Traffic counters have now been received and arrangements will be made for the counters to be put in place. The data/statistics collected be provided to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.</p> <p>Codie advised Jenene from Transport NSW that he will complete a concept plan for the main entrance in Radium Street for the Willyama High School, as a part of the Traffic and Pedestrian observation process.</p>
December 2022	<p>Council will place traffic counters across Murton Street for a period of seven days along Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data on the speed of motorist during the school zone times.</p> <p>A concept design plan will be completed by Council for the proposed changes to the parking arrangement at the front of the school off Brooks Street.</p> <p>Both of these will be discussed at the next committee meeting in the new year.</p>
February 2023	<p>The traffic counters have been placed across Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School and the data is currently being transferred by Council's Information Services.</p> <p>The data will be available for the committee at the next meeting.</p>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
November 2022 December 2022	Truck parking and blocking driveway access to the property at 554 Argent Street – Annette Herd
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>430.6.1 and 431.6.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/51051, D22/51622, D22/22023, D22/56494, D22/56592 and D23/1848
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
February 2023	<i>That further correspondence be forwarded to the resident to reiterate that if trucks are parking and blocking the driveway at 554 Argent Street during work hours, to contact Council immediately for council to action and speak to the drivers. If the</i>



	<i>matter is occurring outside of office hours to contact the Police directly as was previous advised.</i>
<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Running Actions</b>
November 2022	<p>Correspondence was received from Annette Heard, the resident at 554 Argent Street, expressing her frustration with large trucks parking adjacent to her property, with their engines running at early hours of the morning and blocking access to and from her property at all hours during the day.</p> <p>The resident is now requesting for 'No Stopping' signs be installed either side of the driveway to help deter trucks from parking across her driveway.</p> <p>The committee is reluctant to install 'No Stopping' signs being installed in this area. The Junction Hotel is on the corners, and this will affect the parking for patrons.</p> <p>Council's Compliance Officer, Barry Walker advised that the times when the trucks are blocking the driveway is outside of Council's operating hours and during these times the Police should be called to enforcement infringement notices.</p> <p>Codie advised prior to the meeting that this matter will need to be discussed with the Police before any recommendations can be made by the committee, to see what their process is relating to matters such as this one.</p> <p>Codie was unable to address this matter at the previous committee meeting, as Chris Wallace, the Police Representative, left the meeting early.</p> <p>Kathy advised the committee that she will follow up the details for the committee to decide at the December meeting, following consultation with the proprietor of the service station and the resident. Barry mentioned that he will contact the new highway Patrol Sergeant to clarify specifics.</p> <p>The committee have stressed the need for a Police representative to be present at the meeting to help finalise matters such as these, without the delay in action from the committee and council.</p> <p>It was suggested that some matters/requests included on the agenda, could be reviewed by the Police representative prior to the meetings and then provide their feedback for discussion at the next meeting, if they will not be available to attend in person.</p>
December 2022	<p>Correspondence from the committee was forwarded to the resident, advising her to contact council if the complaint is during operating hours and if the complaint occurs outside of council operating hours, then to contact the Police in the first instance.</p> <p>Codie advised the committee that for this matter to be resolved, Council is waiting on feedback from the NSW Police representative to provide advice on police protocols for this type of complaint.</p> <p>The committee determined that the times when the trucks are parking and blocking the driveway are outside of council operating hours and noted that the Police are to respond to the complaints if outside of council hours. It is illegal to park across a driveway and any correspondence received from the resident should be forwarded to Council's Compliance Officer for the complaints to be actioned when received by council.</p>

February 2023	<p>Council was included in correspondence that Annette Herd from 554 Argent Street to one of the companies that have been parking and blocking her driveway.</p> <p>Council's, Chief Assets and Projects Officer, Codie Howard informed the committee that since the matter was raised, correspondence has been forwarded to Police and there has not been a response to date. Codie advised the committee that he will contact the committee's Police representative to find out if any action, if the Police are undertaking any.</p> <p>Council has no record of these matters being reported to council during work hours.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p><i>That further correspondence be forwarded to the resident to reiterate that if trucks are parking and blocking the driveway at 554 Argent Street during work hours, to contact Council immediately for council to action and speak to the drivers. If the matter is occurring outside of office hours to contact the Police directly as was previous advised.</i></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Codie Howard</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Jenene House</p> <p>All in Favour</p>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
December 2022	Safety concern regarding students from BHHS crossing Gossan Street at the foothill to access the lane behind the jail on their way to McDonalds.
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>General Business - 431.6.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/66714
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
December 2022	<i>That this safety concern be raised with the Principal of the BHHS and request this matter be addressed with students at their assembly, instructing students to take a safer route.</i>
<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Running Actions</b>
December 2022	A student from the Broken Hill High School had addressed safety concerns with students crossing Gossan Street at the foothill to access the lane behind the jail on their way to McDonalds before and after school.

	<p>Below is an aerial photograph of the area in Gossan Street where students exit Cobalt Lane and cross Gossan Street to continue in the direction of Cobalt Lane.</p>  <p>The student that had reported this, estimated there would be close to 100 students that take this route down Cobalt Lane from Broken Hill High School to their destination at McDonald's after school. The safety concern is when student is crossing Gossan Street, motorists travelling west cannot see the students crossing the road making it dangerous.</p> <p>The student has requested that the area being inspected by council and that safer precautions be implemented to ensure safety for students/pedestrians crossing Gossan Street.</p> <p>Jenene will advise the Work Health and Safety Advisor for Education NSW of the concern and request an observation review to be conducted of the area during the next visit to the city.</p> <p>Council's Asset Officer, Paul Bezzina will inspect and observe the area, inspect the condition of signs and report back to committee their next meeting.</p> <p>Check that area to see if the 'Children Crossing' sign is still in place at the top of the hill and at the foothill, look at updating the signs and refuge island in the middle of the road. A suggestion was to change the pedestrian signs to fluo green and increase the size of the signs so that motorists can clearly see them.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That this safety concern be raised with the Principal of the BHHS and request this matter be addressed with students at their assembly, instructing students to take a safer route.</i></p> <p><i>All in Favour</i></p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>Jenene advised that this matter was passed onto the Department of Education's Work Health and Safety Advisor and Road Safety Consultant that were going to meet with the Principal of the Broken Hill High School. Jenene will follow up the outcome of this meeting and provide an update the committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>The action from a previous meeting was that the areas was going to be inspected by Council. Codie advised that his inspection is to be completed as the Council Officer has retired.</p>

	Jenene noted that she will be able to inspect the area during her next visit the week commencing 6 March 2023.
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
December 2022	Broken Hill High School – Garnet Street School Zone - Transport for NSW – Jenene House
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>431.6.3</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D22/63818
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Completed
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
December 2022	<i>That Council design a concept plan be developed for proposed signage, including a 'Loading Zone' adjacent to the Broken Hill High School in Garnet Street and for Council to liaise with the Principal.</i>
<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Running Actions</b>
December 2022	<p>Transport for the NSW, Jenene House informed the committee that she recently conducted a Traffic and Pedestrian Observation of the Broken Hill High school (BHHS). The Principal pointed out that on two occasion changes have been made to the school zone and parking arrangements adjacent to the school in Garnet Street without the school's knowledge.</p> <p>Jenene prepared a plan of proposed changes to the current parking zones in Garnet Street that would be best for the school as shown in the diagram over the page.</p> <p>The Principal has approved this plan.</p> <p>Council has been asked to prepare a plan, including signage that will then be presented back to the Principal and for the signs to updated along Garnet Street.</p> <p>Jenene advised that following installation she will go back and conduct another Traffic and Pedestrian Observations to make sure the changes are working well for the school, also the Road Safety Education Consultants will be working internally with the school staff.</p> <p>The school has requested a loading zone for the couriers that deliver to the school. The disabled parking and bus zone will remain unchanged. No parking and timed parking will also remain unchanged. The only changes will be that an additional area will be included to allow room for the loading zone.</p>

The loading zone will be proposed to be timed outside of the drop off and pick up times during school days. This will be discussed with the school. Before implementation.



Key - not to scale

- Loading Zone
- Disabled parking
- Bus zone
- No Parking
- Timed parking

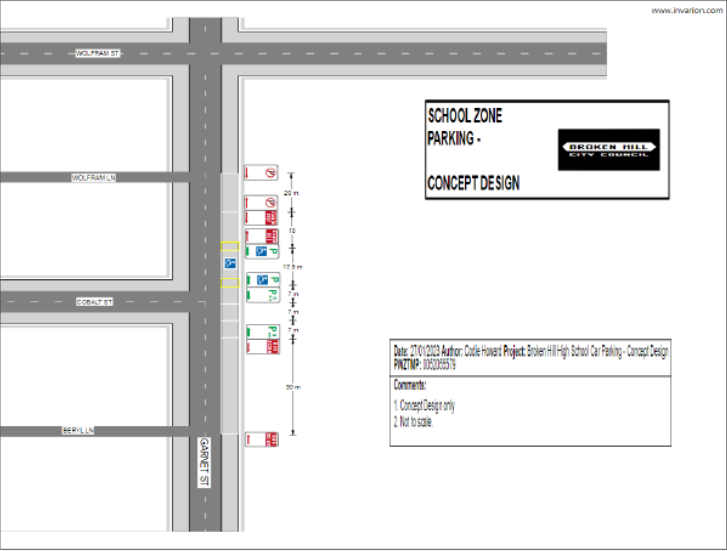
Codie responded that the Council had consultation with the school prior to any changes being made in Garnet Street at the front of the BHHS.

Will the proposed 'Loading Zone' be timed? The 'Loading Zone' could be made all day on school days and the 'No Parking' will also allow for loading and unloading at the front of the school. These details will be confirmed by the school and addressed with the committee at the next meeting.

'No Parking' area behind the 'Loading Zone' would still allow parking for drop off and pick up. An extra parking space will enable separation and stop cueing over the bus zone and disabled parking zones. 'No Parking' would be in the morning only as in the afternoon people tend to overstay the timed parking conditions.

Council will also need to determine what times the school expects the deliveries.



	<p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>That Council design a concept plan be developed for proposed signage, including a 'Loading Zone' adjacent to the Broken Hill High School in Garnet Street and for Council to liaise with the Principal.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Jenene House</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Peter Beven</p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>A concept plan has been developed by Council.</p> <p>Jenene advised that she arrange a meeting with the Principal of the Broken Hill High School to review the proposed changes for the additional 'Loading Zone' and 'No Parking' signs before any changes occur to make sure he is happy with the outcome.</p> 
Date	Item Details
December 2022	CBD Banner Poles – Council Report
Item No.	431.6.4
EDRMS No.	D22/64489
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Codie Howard
Current Status	Pending



Date	Committee Recommendation/s
December 2022	<p><i>That the committee agreed for Council's Engineer a design plan for kerb extension around the CBD end banner poles at each of the locations to include considerations for stormwater runoff. A design will be presented the committee at the next meeting for discussion.</i></p>
Action Date	Running Actions
December 2022	<p>The committee were asked to review and provide consultation for the safety measures around the new CBD end banner poles, located at the intersections of Argent and Bromide Streets, Argent and Iodide Streets, and the intersection of Patton and Comstock Streets, Patton, and South Streets.</p> <p>The concrete that was at the base of the poles were recently removed due to these obstructing the line-of-sight pedestrian crossings and traffic lights at the intersections. There are four sets of poles occupying a section of the parking or let lane of the road corridors.</p> <p>Codie informed the committee that the banner poles were initially approved by Council early last year when Council had received funding for the CBD Master Plan. This funding allowed for the installation of the CBD end banner poles along the median strip at each end of Argent Street and Patton Street.</p> <p>Codie explained that these banner poles were installed on the road and not the footpath, due to underground services, overhead powerlines and that these roads are used as a part of the approved heavy vehicles route.</p> <p>Council Engineer provided two options that could be implemented to warn motorists that there is a large object on the corridor of the road at each of the intersections, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Traffic Blister Islands</b> Traffic blisters islands are required to be at least 150mm high with a width from the poles aligning with the distance from the front wheel to bumper of the vehicle, so that drivers feel a small impact before striking the pole and have the opportunity to redirect their vehicle.</li> <li>• <b>Rumble Bar Blisters with Road Line Marking</b> A rubber bar is used on the road surface to alert driver that they have veered off-course and they have proved to be effective traffic calming and road safety measures. They work due to the noise that the tyres make when driven over the corresponding shudder the driver feels. The rumble bars are fixed or nailed to the road surface.</li> <li>• <b>Guideposts with Road Line Marking</b> Guideposts have a similar function as rumble bars above but may be more securely fixed requiring less replacements.</li> </ul> <p>Transport for NSW representative, Jenene House suggested that the installation of rumble bars may be a good safety measure for the areas. Also suggested that Council look at kerb extensions that will enable the pedestrian to wall out past the pole to see oncoming traffic at the intersections.</p> <p>During the planning stage of the safety measure, Council will also consider the stormwater runoff in the design. Codie informed the committee that Council's Engineer will complete a design for the kerb extensions with the stormwater runoff</p>

	<p>associated and be presented to the committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jenene advised the committee that she will also undertake research for kerb extensions and will liaise with Codie.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That the committee agreed for Council's Engineer a design plan for kerb extension around the CBD end banner poles at each of the locations to include considerations for stormwater runoff. A design will be presented the committee at the next meeting for discussion.</i></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Jenene House <b>Second:</b> Peter Beven</p>
February 2023	<p>An additional report was completed by Council's Engineer that will provided to the committee to review following the meeting.</p> <p>Jenene expressed concerns that the banner poles were installed on the roadside when address this was first addressed with the Local Traffic Committee. These banner poles do compromise the road safety aspect, as to whether the banners will cause a shadow or light reduction, where there is a zebra crossing.</p> <p>These should not have been installed at an intersection as these are a driver distraction and a hazard to pedestrians and their visibility.</p> <p>Jenene asked if the banner poles interfere with the sweep path. Council's Engineer had a test completed for the sweep path at each of the intersections using the design vehicle as a bus at each of the intersections.</p> <p>Jenene asked, how would kerb the extensions affect the swept paths at the intersections? Codie advised that the intersections would have the allowance but would hinder the rubble bars and the line marking.</p> <p>The grading of the road also needs to be considered in relation to the stormwater runoff at the base of the banner poles.</p> <p>Further investigation is required by the Council's Engineering team and Transport for NSW and for the committee to decide as resolution at the next meeting.</p>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
December 2022	Transport for NSW update and outcome of School Traffic and Pedestrian Observations – Burke Ward Public School, Alma Public School and Railway Town Public School – Jenene House
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>431.8.4</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Pending



Date	Committee Recommendation/s
December 2022	<p><i>That Council place traffic counters across Boughtman Street to collect two weeks of data on the volume of traffic and speed of motorist during school hours morning and afternoon. The data from the traffic counters will be discussed at the next LTC meeting.</i></p>
Action Date	Running Actions
December 2022	<p>Transport for NSW, Jenene House informed the committee that she has completed Traffic and Pedestrian Observations at Alma Public School on the 9 September 2022, following a comment being made at a past Traffic Committee meeting, where speeding was mentioned to be an issue at the school.</p> <p><b>Alma Public School</b> – The observation of the school identified the following concerns:</p> <p>Vehicles speeding in Boughtman Street where students are crossing during the school pick up and drop off times.</p> <p>There were a lot of vehicles doing U-turns in the school and whilst doing a U-turn is not illegal, it is discouraged as it is not safe.</p> <p>Unaccompanied student crossing the road.</p> <p>Lack of helmets being used by children riding bikes.</p> <p>That vehicles were seen to be double parking.</p> <p>During the school drop off times students were exiting vehicles on the roadside, instead of the footpath side, making it unsafe.</p> <p>Jenene has consulted with Codie, and they will plan to arrange a meeting with the school to discuss the behaviours that were observed at the school.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That Council place traffic counters across Boughtman Street to collect two weeks of data on the volume of traffic and speed of motorist during school hours morning and afternoon. The data from the traffic counters will be discussed at the next LTC meeting.</i></p> <p><b>Burke Ward School</b> – Traffic and Pedestrian counts on taken at Gypsum Street, where the refuge is located. Jenene expressed to the committee that the volume of traffic was surprising with over 300 vehicles in the morning and over 400 in the afternoon. Jenene was advised following the count that Gypsum Street was a detour for work being conducted in the area, hence the large volume of traffic.</p> <p>Being that the traffic count was not a true indicator, Jenene will complete another traffic count in the new year following commencing of school to get a true indication of traffic volumes in the area.</p> <p>Other matter relating to the Burke Ward Public School were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Newton Lane</b></li> </ul> <p>An inspection was completed in Newton Lane to the side of the Burke Ward Public School with a high volume of traffic using the lane as a drop off and pick up area for students. There was also conflict between motorist and pedestrians. Codie to arrange a meeting with Principal of the school to address this issue and to discuss the observations.</p>

	<p>Signal Phasing to be extended in Rakow Street.</p> <p>Jenene mentioned that this would not be a high priority now that the emergency evacuation site has been relocated to Harvy Street. Transport for NSW team, that manages the phasing are still working on this and there is still potential for the phasing to be extended and only during school times. If there are other peak times identified when children are crossing the street frequently, then the matter will be readdressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mobile Speed Cameras</b></li> </ul> <p>Inspector Chris Wallace mentioned that a mobile speed camera would be deployed to the area. The follow up is that the submission will need to be submitted to the centre for road safety via their website or the Police can make a submission through their liaison channels.</p> <p>Broken Hill is not currently an area that is scheduled for these vehicles to be deployed. They can deploy to Broken Hill and they are happy to support the Broken Hill Police operations and they normally don't have these vehicles in school zones, they are happy to deploy a vehicle if centre for road safety approval.</p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>Jenene will be visiting the city and will be meeting with the school to discuss the matter and Codie Howard has been asked to join the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Marion Browne informed the committee that the matter relating to the line marking at the Burke Ward School was raised and discussed at the previous Council meeting.</p> <p><b>Burke Ward Public School</b></p> <p>Councillor, Marion Browne, mentioned that one of the Councillor's at the last Council meeting expressed concerns with the children crossing in an uncontrolled way on Gypsum Street, when the gates are unlocked and mentioned that if the school were to lock the gate it would not be a concern.</p> <p>Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised that she inspect and observe the traffic and pedestrian behaviours on the Gypsum Street side of the Burke Ward Public School during her next visit planned for the week commencing 6 March 2023 and this matter will be progressed.</p> <p>During this visit Jenene will be meeting with the Principal of the school to discuss this and other matters. Jenene has requested that Codie attend this meeting, being that few of the matters relate to Council, like the line marking at the school.</p> <p>Codie informed the committee that she had been given the quote for line marking at the school and that Kate advised Codie that she would organise this.</p> <p>The school had also requested that the phasing for the traffic signals had been extended. Jenene will speak with Kate at the school further relating to the timing of the phasing. The timing for the lights is set up for vulnerable pedestrians and children, this should give enough time for a group of children to cross safely. Jenene explained that the green light means that pedestrians can cross, and the red-light means do not cross the road. Jenene will provide information to the school so that this can be included in the school's newsletter.</p> <p>The geometry of the crossing itself, is very constrained, and the pedestrian access ramp is narrow in width. The ramps are not the full width of the crossing.</p>

	<p>Jenene will collaborate with the school so that students in groups are more visible for the staff when using the crossing.</p> <p>Jenene advised the committee that she had kept the Department of Education's Work Health and Safety Adviser up to date on these matters. The Department of Education also has a Road Safety Consultant this this area that will be included in the meeting with school.</p> <p><b>Alma Public School</b></p> <p>Issues found while completing the Traffic and Pedestrian observations will be discussed with the school.</p> <p><b>Railway Town Public School</b></p> <p>Jenene had received an email from the school advising that there is not a parking space suitable for a disabled child in a wheelchair that has been enrolled at the school this year. Jenene will forward the email correspondence to Codie so that Council can inspect the area before meeting with the school's Principal.</p> <p>An updated will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Details</b>
February 2022	Cummins and Zebina Streets – Complaint regarding Traffic – R.D & C.F Andrews
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>432.7.1</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D23/2233
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation/s</b>
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That traffic counters to be placed across Zebina Street prior to the Zebina and Cummins Street intersection the capture the speed of motorist at the crest of the hill.</li> <li>• For the data collection from the traffic counters to be forwarded to the Police for them to investigate the complaint and observe the area.</li> <li>• For Council Officer to contact the residents to discuss the matter with the residents.</li> </ul>

Action Date	Running Actions
February 2023	<p>The residents of the properties at 341 Zebina Street and 487 Cummins Street are concerned that motorists travelling at speed up the hill in Zebina Street prior to the Zebina and Cummins Street intersection are not able to see vehicles reversing from the abovementioned properties and there residents reversing from the driveways at these properties cannot see the oncoming traffic until it breasts the hill with a risk of collision.</p> <p>The residents are requesting that Council erect a sign alerting the oncoming traffic of reversing vehicles on the road as per the preceding school zone signs.</p> <p>Transport for NSW, Jenene House suggested that traffic counters be placed across Zebina Street to collect data for the speed of vehicles and for the matter to then be referred to the Police to conduct inspections of the area, being that the initial complaint is relating to the speed of vehicles.</p> <p>Additional information, specifically relating to accidents involving reversing vehicles in the area may assist with the investigation.</p> <p>The questions were asked if the residents are reversing into the travel lane on Zebina Street or are they crossing the double white lines when reversing, if so, this would be considered as driver behaviour. Council's Compliance Officer, Barry Walker advised the committee that they are permitted to cross the double white line to enter or exit a property. Are there any signs that might be applicable to this type of warning.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That traffic counters to be placed across Zebina Street prior to the Zebina and Cummins Street intersection the capture the speed of motorist at the crest of the hill.</li> <li>• For the data collection from the traffic counters to be forwarded to the Police for them to investigate the complaint and observe the area.</li> <li>• For Council Officer to contact the residents to discuss the matter with the residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Move:</b> Codie Howard</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Jenene House</p> <p>All in Favour</p> <p>Local Member, Peter Beven declared he had a conflict of interest with this matter and not included in the decision of the abovementioned recommendation, being that he is an acquaintance of the complainant.</p> <p>It was raised at the meeting, that the committee are not able to make any decisions or determinations without a Police representative being present.</p> <p>All actions and recommendation are to be approved by both the Transport for NSW and NSW Police before any action can be taken by Council relating to traffic matters.</p> <p>This matter and correspondence will be forwarded to the Police representative to review and provide comments.</p>

Date	Item Details
February 2022	Request to Seal Feldspar Lane behind the residents in Knox Street – Darren Richards
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>432.7.2</b>
<b>EDRMS No.</b>	D23/4260
<b>CRM No.</b>	N/A
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Codie Howard
<b>Current Status</b>	Ongoing
Date	Committee Recommendation/s
February 2023	<i>That correspondence be forwarded to the Police regarding the matter of motorbike riders in Felspar Lane and to seek further advise on how to limit motorbike riders in the area and to note that Council is completing an unsealed lane audit and will prioritise upon completion.</i>
Action Date	Running Actions
February 2023	<p>Local Traffic Committee received a complaint from the resident at 231 Knox Street, regarding unregistered and unlicensed motorbike riders hooning up and down Feldspar Lane behind the residents in Knox Street all hours of the day and night making dust.</p> <p>The have been several complaints made to the Police and the Police advised the resident to continue complaining, as they are unable to catch them, and this may help get a task force to the area.</p> <p>The resident is requesting that Feldspar Lane be sealed to help eliminate the dust pollution.</p> <p>Council's, Chief Assets and Projects Officer, Codie Howard informed that Council is currently completing a report of all the unsealed roads and lanes in the city. There is approximately 5km of unsealed roads and laneways to be sealed in the report. The report includes proposed costs associated with each section of road and what would need to be done.</p> <p>Feldspar Lane allows access to the rear of the properties in Knox Street and unfortunately, is also used as a thoroughfare to access the regeneration area for motorbikes for unregistered motorbikes. Council is actively in collaborating with the Police on this matter to find a solution and to eliminate the problem.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><i>That correspondence be forwarded to the Police regarding the matter of motorbike riders in Felspar Lane and to seek further advise on how to limit motorbike riders in the area and to note that Council is completing an unsealed lane audit and will prioritise upon completion.</i></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Codie Howard</p>

	<b>Second:</b> <i>Peter Beven</i> <i>All in Favour</i>
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**429.9 Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023

**429.10 Meeting Close** 3.34pm

# CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

1. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 38/23 - DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023 - LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE REPORT - **CONFIDENTIAL**

**(General Manager's Note:** This report considers Land Acquisition and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (b) (c) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which contains matters that will involve the discussion of the personal hardship of any resident or rate payer; AND which provides for information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND which provides for commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret).

2. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 39/23 - DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2023 - CIVIC CENTRE LEGAL MATTER UPDATE REPORT - **CONFIDENTIAL**

**(General Manager's Note:** This report considers a current legal matter and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which provides for information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND which contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege).

3. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 40/23 - DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2023 - BROKEN HILL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES PROJECT UPDATE REPORT - **CONFIDENTIAL**

**(General Manager's Note:** This report considers a Tender update and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which provides for information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND which provides for commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret).



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