



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9th August 2005

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| GM8 | NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT |
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SUMMARY:

To advise Council of the holding of the National General Assembly from the 7 to 10 November 2005.



DESCRIPTION:

The National General Assembly of Local Government is to be held in Canberra from the 7 to 9 November 2005. The Conference will be preceded by a Regional Co-operation and Development Forum.

The Conference debates motions from participating Councils on national issues. In particular ALGA is seeking motions in the areas of population and ageing, local government financing, environment and infrastructure. Motions should be received by ALGA no later than 9 September 2005.

Keynote speakers to the Conference are:

- Mr Phillip Adams AO FRSA – Film Television and Arts personality
- Mr Bernard Salt – KPMG Partner Property
- Mr Jim Soorley, former Lord Mayor of Brisbane
- Brigadier David Chalmers AM CSC ADC – Commander of the Response Group in Aceh Province in Indonesia
- Senator Kate Lundy, Shadow Minister for Manufacturing and Consumer Affairs

Conference will also be addressed by The Hon. John Howard, MP Prime Minister and The Hon, Kim Beazley, MP Leader of the Opposition and will conduct workshops on a number of current issues. The National Sea Change Taskforce will also be conducting their next meeting in conjunction with the Conference.

The Mayor, Clr Janet Hayes and Clr Bob McWilliams have indicated an interest in attending.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council consider submitting motions of National Importance to the Conference.
2. That Council is represented at the Conference by the Mayor, Clr Janet Hayes and Clr Bob McWilliam

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GENERAL MANAGER