

**ADDENDUM REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
MEETING TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LIBRARY COMPLEX,
LIBRARY LANE, HOLBROOK ON WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2021**

OFFICER'S REPORT – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

GOVERNANCE

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – SUNDAY 28 TO TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2021

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REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors of changes to the 2021 Local Government Conference and advise that a special conference will be held from 28 February to 2 March 2022 at the Hyatt Regency, Sydney.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Objective We lead a vibrant, connected and inclusive community

Outcome 1.1 Leadership and advocacy is demonstrated and encouraged in our communities.

DISCUSSION

Further to the report within the August Agenda, Local Government NSW has advised that the 'in person' Conference scheduled for late November will not occur and that a Special Conference has been scheduled late February/early March to consider Conference motions. Note that the Annual Conference will still need to be held to meet legislative requirements.

Outlined below are the arrangements for the on line LGNSW Board Elections, the Annual Conference and the Special Conference.

LGNSW Board Elections

The AEC has given formal notice that nominations for LGNSW Board Elections open on 7 September 2021 and close at 12pm on 5 October 2021.

Council will be required to advise LGNSW of Council's voting delegates for Board Elections by 5pm on Tuesday 5 October 2021.

LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 29 November 2021

The in person annual conference (now called 'Special Conference') has been moved to 28 February 2022 to 2 March 2022. Conference Motions etc will be dealt with at that Conference. However, the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act requires LGNSW to still hold an Annual Conference this calendar year.

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To meet the legislative obligation, LGNSW will be conducting an online Annual Conference on 29 November 2021 at which time we will present the Financial Statements and the Annual Report. The Annual Conference will run for approximately 1 hour. Voting delegates will still need to be nominated for this meeting (which will be at no cost to councils).

As with the Board Elections Council will still need to appoint voting delegates for the on line Annual Conference.

LGNSW 'SPECIAL CONFERENCE' MOTIONS – 28 February to 2 March 2022

Councils are encouraged to submit motions to the Special Conference as early as possible. LGNSW has also encouraged councils to nominate voting delegates to the Special Conference as early as possible, noting that substitute delegates can be nominated if one or more councillors are not re-elected at the local government elections in December.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil at this time.

CONCLUSION

The report has been submitted to allow Councillors the opportunity to consider the introduction of a property based Emergency Services Levy and advise that further motions can be considered at the future meetings of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council submit the following motion to the 2021 Local Government Conference

Emergency Services Levy

That Local Government NSW lobbies the State Government to recommence the introduction of a property based Emergency Services Property Levy as a separate and identifiable line item on the Annual Rates and Charges Notice.

Note

As delegates will recall the from 1 July 2017, the NSW Government planned to abolish the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) on insurance policies and replace it with an Emergency Services Property Levy (ESPL), paid alongside council rates.

Unfortunately the introduction of a property based ESPL was abandoned by the State Government at the eleventh hour in May 2017.

It was promoted as a fairer model for funding fire and emergency services as the burden of funding these services would no longer just fall only on those with property insurance, but all landowners.

Council contends that it is still a much fairer model and also had added benefit of being a separate and identifiable line item that would clearly indicate to ratepayers the cost of maintaining emergency services in NSW.

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Greater Hume Shire Council seeks that LGNSW lobby the NSW State Government to reconsider the introduction of an ESPL.

2. Local Government NSW be advised that Council does not want the motion to be grouped with motions with a broader scope and
3. Further motions for Conference be submitted to the General Manager for consideration by Council at scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year.
4. A further report on voting delegates for LGNSW Board Elections and the on line Annual Conference be submitted to the September 2021 Council meeting.