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Cr Darriea Turley AM
President
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Dear Cr Turley

I write this letter in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Local Government and on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition, with regards to your letter dated 19 December 2022, setting out a summary of the LGNSW sector's 10 priorities for the upcoming NSW state election.

I understand that the last couple of years have been extremely challenging for the local government sector, whether it be drought, bushfires, the COVID-19 Pandemic or a series of flood events.

This has been compounded by a decade-long practice of cost-shifting by this Government and rising inflation, undermining the financial sustainability of the sector and placing significant strain on councils and household budgets.

A NSW Labor Government understands the instrumental role played by councils in servicing our communities, whether it be managing community assets, open spaces, our state's local and regional road network, implementing environmental initiatives, looking after our libraries or processing our waste.

Accordingly, I note that a NSW Labor Government is committed to supporting a local government sector that is focused on sustainable and liveable communities. This includes support for appropriate housing, infrastructure, public transport, recreational facilities, in-house employment opportunities, flood recovery and resilience, clean and affordable energy and the arts and live music industry.

To this end, I reiterate that NSW Labor is committed to working cooperatively with the federal Government and the local government sector to allow for the highest standard of service provision across industry sectors. This includes a commitment to an intergovernmental agreement with LGNSW.



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Furthermore, NSW will also implement a review of the financial modelling of councils, which is clearly broken after a decade long-drain on local council resources and the increasing cost burden on residents.

I thank you for the opportunity to meet with you at the upcoming LGNSW Rural and Regional Summit and to discuss these priorities further.

On behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition, thank you for your ongoing and tireless advocacy of the local government sector and I look forward to working with LGNSW and maintaining ongoing dialogue, in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for the local government sector and the people of NSW.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Warren".

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