



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Cr. Darriea Turley AM
President, Local Government NSW
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25 January 2023

Dear Cr. Turley,

Thank you for your letter of 19 January concerning NSW One Nation's policy commitments for local government.

During this term of parliament, One Nation has been supportive of the local government sector on each of the major issues before the Legislative Council.

For instance, we opposed the Government's flawed bill on developer contributions, which would have disadvantaged many Councils.

We also advocated for Councils to be exempt from the Government's new Electric Vehicle user charge for Council vehicles that are off-road, servicing parks, playing fields, public reserves etc.

With regard to your Election Priorities document, we are generally supportive of any proposal that aids Council in basic service delivery to their ratepayers.

To overcome skilled labour shortages, our policy is to use Gonski funding in our schools for training modules for any secondary student disengaging from the academic curriculum to ensure their priority for practical, hands-on skills is converted into VET qualifications, and job readiness. This initiative would reverse 30 years of failed, expensive training policies in Australia.

We also support additional State Government funding for the roads, bridges, child care, libraries and sport and recreation responsibilities of local government. Priority should be given to municipalities of high population growth, where residents are moving in faster than the jobs and essential government services.

For rural and regional Councils, we support additional assistance to deal with the cost of natural disasters and emergencies. All non-metropolitan land and asset owners must have their property rights defended – in land clearing, water access and questions of financial compensation.

I trust that these election commitments assist Local Government NNSW in its important work on behalf of the people of NSW.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Latham". The signature is fluid and cursive, ending with a long horizontal flourish.

Mark Latham MLC