

Local Government Constitutional Recognition Position Statement

Policy Principles

This Position Statement relates to the following Policy Principles of LGNSW:

(8) Local government must be constitutionally recognised and respected as an equal sphere of government.

Our Position

LGNSW advocates:

- That local government is an essential part of Australia's system of government.
- That local government should be recognised in the Australian Constitution, alongside Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments.
- For a referendum to make a simple change to section 96 of the Constitution to allow the continuation of direct funding of local government by the Australian Government.
- That local government's contribution to our national wellbeing be measured and acknowledged in economic, social and environmental terms, also in terms of the way it enhances Australia's democratic way of life.

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