

Australian Local Government Association - 2023 National General Assembly

Dedicated Transition Fund

<p>Motion</p>	<p>The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated fund to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support for communities and regions to transition to renewable energy and a net zero carbon economy • Support other regional economic and community development opportunities as part of the great energy transition • Provide fiscal stability and long-term sustainability to support inter-generational equity in regions.
<p>National Objective (max 200 words)</p> <p><i>Why is this a national issue and why should this be debated at the NGA?</i></p>	<p>The federal and state governments acknowledge the energy transition with a shift to a less carbon intensive and more renewable based economy. It is important that communities are supported to proactively manage this transition and the associated impacts on the community, economy, environment and region as a whole. Regional communities are home to many large-scale industrial facilities and resource infrastructure.</p> <p>This potential motion has the opportunity for far reaching affects across the nation. The introduction of a dedicated fund has the power to support resource dependent communities and regions to transition, strengthen and diversify their economy, invest in future workforces, support liveability and offset the impacts of transitioning to a net zero economy.</p>
<p>Summary of Key Arguments (max 500 words)</p> <p><i>Background information and supporting arguments.</i></p>	<p>The nation is facing a major economic transformation as we grapple with the decarbonisation of the global economy. Whilst transitioning away from fossil fuels, the impacts and challenges associated with new emerging industries needs to be managed.</p> <p>Despite the challenges, the energy transition presents opportunities for region's to expand and diversify their economic base and take advantage of opportunities, for example, 'green' manufacturing, hydrogen production and other renewable energy production.</p> <p>To harness these potential opportunities, transition planning and support is imperative for long-term resilience and prosperity for regions and communities.</p> <p>The energy shift will have far reaching impacts for communities and require support to ensure a positive transition to renewable energy, and the ability to take advantage of economic opportunities, to safeguard resilient and long-term sustainability.</p> <p>For the best outcomes for the communities, managing the economic and social impacts of the transition should be undertaken collaboratively by regional communities, local, state and federal governments.</p> <p>A dedicated fund that:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides for regional economy diversification • future proofs skills and education for the new net zero economy, community support services, environmental site rehabilitation and provides for today's communities • plans for the future by responsible delivery of infrastructure without creating ongoing financial burdens • provides fiscal stability and spreads the fiscal benefits of the resources sector across future generations <p>is needed to manage the nationwide transition to renewable energy.</p>
<p>Does this motion complement or build on the policy objectives of the Council's state local government association? Y/N</p>	<p>Yes, it further builds on a passed motion at the LGAQ 2022 National Conference.</p>
<p>Other Notes</p>	<p>Opportunity to collaborate on this motion with Isaac RC?.</p>