

## 2023 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motions template

<p><b>Title of motion</b> (required)</p>	<p><b>Transition Fund for enabling infrastructure</b></p>
<p><b>Motion</b> (required)</p>	<p>The LGAQ calls on the State Government to establish a dedicated fund to invest in critical infrastructure and support the workforce sectors needed to enable the transitioning energy sector.</p>
<p><b>What is the desired outcome sought?</b> 200 word limit</p>	<p>The State Government has invested in critical renewable energy infrastructure and workforces needed to support the transitioning energy sector, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways and access roads for the renewable and hydrogen sector to develop</li> <li>• Oversize and over mass vehicle transport to allow movement of materials for construction of projects</li> <li>• Upgraded or new water and sewerage assets to meet demands</li> <li>• Critical workforce sectors required to support new renewable projects e.g., funded development positions for planning, engineering and building certification.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background</b> (required) 350 word limit Placeholder text – further explain the motion and illustrate the issue/s which need to be addressed state wide,</p>	<p>The Federal and State Governments acknowledge the energy transition with a shift to a less carbon intensive and more renewable based economy.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Needs</b></p> <p>It is important that communities and regions are supported with fit for purpose State Government infrastructure to enable the transitioning energy sector.</p> <p>Providing, maintaining, operating and upgrading water and sewerage assets for communities, continues to be one of the greatest expenses for local governments. To manage these high costs, assets are designed for lifecycles of 30-50 years, and extensive modelling and planning are undertaken to allow capital and operational costs to be dispersed over the lifetime of the asset.</p> <p>For local governments to successfully adapt and meet the needs of the transitioning energy sector and the wave of renewable energy and hydrogen projects being developed in regional areas, it is essential that the State Government provide funding to enable provision of, maintenance and upgrades for delivery of critical services, compliance and meeting of environmental outcomes.</p>

In addition to the infrastructure required to directly support industry growth, additional infrastructure upgrades are required to support population growth and liveability factors.

**Workforce Needs**

Local Governments, especially those in regional areas where renewable energy projects are most likely to be based, require planning, engineering and building certification resources to enable appropriate consideration and assessment of cumulative impacts from new projects. This outcome is a necessary link in reaching the State Government’s climate change targets.

Resourcing challenges in these fields are already being felt by local governments, and support is needed to sufficiently resource the response to the transitioning energy sector.

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 workforces, support liveability and offset the impacts of transitioning to a net zero economy.