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Recycling, drought, climate change and electric vehicles dominate local government's national conference

Urgent action on climate change, recycling, drought, and preparing for more electric vehicles are among the topics set for the 25th National General Assembly, Australia's largest meeting of local government leaders in Canberra, from 17-19 June.

Local councils will also share how they are dealing with challenges including housing affordability and Airbnb, infrastructure and population, reducing community harm from drug and alcohol use, and New Zealand's experience with natural disasters.

Almost 900 delegates from across mainland Australia and Australian territories in the Indian and Pacific oceans will attend. The Assembly is organised and hosted by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the peak body of local government.

Media are invited. ALGA President, Mayor David O'Loughlin, is available for interviews.

WHAT: 25th National General Assembly of Local Government

WHEN: 9am Monday 17 June to 12:30pm Wednesday 19 June

WHERE: National Convention Centre, 31 Constitution Ave, Canberra

Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Mark Coulton MP, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Jason Clare MP, and the Coordinator-General of Drought, Major General Stephen Day, will all address the assembly.

Other keynote speakers include three directors of First Languages Australia, Rose Read (CEO of National Waste Recycling Industry Association), Dr Jon Sigfusson (Drug Prevention in Iceland), Andrew Howe (Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Canterbury, New Zealand), and Paralympic champion, Kurt Fearnley AO.

Full program and speakers' times at <https://www.nga19.com.au/Program.html>

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