



Advocacy Plan



Council's Advocacy Plan

Council's Advocacy Plan provides a guide to address issues that are beyond the capacity of Council.

The framework is designed to allow Council and other representative groups to take advantage of advocacy opportunities as they arise.

This plan is also the basis for prioritising projects and funding bids, especially when new funding programs are announced from the Federal and State Governments.

The objectives of Council's Advocacy Plan is to:

- Set an organisational advocacy agenda and identify priorities in a planned and strategic manner
- Identify key partners and build strong strategic relationships
- Influence key decision makers
- Secure funding for community identified priority projects
- Build trust and confidence in Council as a proactive advocate for the community

Generally, items already covered by other groups such as LGNSW, ALGA and Country Mayors are not included, but these could be considered if items are significant enough for our local community.

Draft Advocacy Plan Items

The items outlined in this document has been derived by reviewing Council's previous Advocacy Plan, seeking feedback from Councillors and by reviewing previous resolutions of Council.

It is important to note that this list will be updated regularly to align with the strategic direction of the city and can be updated by resolution of Council to include items as they arise. It will also be reviewed annually as part of the Integrated Planning & Reporting documentation.



Abortion Services

We request that the State and Federal Governments, local health district, hospital staff, GPs, and other organisations increase access to medical and surgical abortions.



Airport

We request that the Federal Government renew our lease at the Airport for a term of 50 years with a further 49 year option.

We request significant State and Federal Government funding contributions towards the critical capital works required at the airport, such as the terminal.





Coercive control, abuse and violence

We will advocate for resources and funding levels that support the front-line services and other organisations addressing coercive control, abuse and violence and their delivery of preventative programs to address gender equity and respectful relationships.



Cultural Institutions

We request that the State Government re-instate multi-year funding for Museums and Galleries allowing for planning and multi-year program commitments in meeting community needs.





Education Services

We will advocate for the Federal Government to support the regional university sector to allow more students and build the skills for needed professions for our area.

We will advocate for Charles Sturt University (CSU) to grow the courses available at the Wagga Wagga campus and not cut or relocate courses and jobs from this campus.

We will advocate for TAFE NSW to customise qualifications and training packages to meet the needs of our migrant and refugee community. Combining qualifications with literacy and numeracy skills.

We will advocate for the State Government to meet the goal in the "A 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW" (February 2021) of investigating specialised vocational and technical high schools such as in fields of advanced manufacturing, robotics, or other technology in Wagga.



Health Services

We will advocate for the ongoing roll out of the Murrumbidgee Health and Knowledge precinct by the State Government across the entire Murrumbidgee Health District.

We will advocate for the provision of health services not currently available in Wagga Wagga.

We will advocate for an increase to permanent specialists in Wagga Wagga for the continuity of care for patients.



Inland Rail

We request that alternative alignments for Inland Rail be considered to limit the impacts within the City of Wagga Wagga caused by the routing of trains through the centre of the city.



Lake Albert

We request State and/or Federal Government funding contributions towards the Lake Albert Pipeline project and other necessary works within the precinct.



Net Zero

We will advocate for the State and Federal Government to provide support to our community to reach 50% reduction in emissions compared to 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050.



Social and Affordable Housing

We will advocate to and collaborate with State Government and other key providers to plan for and deliver social and affordable housing that works towards increasing supply and meeting the increasing need in Wagga Wagga and surrounding rural areas.



Special Activation Precinct (SAP)

We will advocate for Federal and State Government development in the SAP precinct together with financial support from those levels of Government for private industry to establish in the precinct.

We request State and Federal Funding to secure new industry and development in the location of the RIFL facility and the Special Activation Precinct.



Transport

We will continue to advocate for the State Government to duplicate Gobbagombalin Bridge.

We request that the State and/or Federal Government identify a solution for a future heavy vehicle bypass.

We request significant additional funding from the State and Federal Government to utilise on maintaining our local road network.



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