

# ①ne Association

## Local Government NSW

Our Ref: R10/0016

8 June 2010

To All Mayors and General Managers

### **Re: One Association for Local Government in NSW**

The Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Associations of NSW, through their Presidents and Executives, have undertaken to progress the formation of One Association to represent and provide a strong and uniform voice for all NSW Councils.

As you are no doubt aware, the Conferences of both Associations have called for the formation of One Association, recognising that a change in how the sector is represented and perceived is required to better serve the sector into the future.

To assist with this process, the Associations have established a One Association Taskforce, to which I have the honour of being appointed as the independent Chairperson.

My Taskforce colleagues and I will be presenting our recommendations for One Association at a special Convention to be held 16 & 17 August 2010 at Star City.

I wish to invite all Mayors, Councillors and General Managers to attend the Convention to participate in shaping the future of Local Government representation in NSW so that together we can progress this important goal.

To facilitate the best outcomes the Convention, the Taskforce and I kindly seek your cooperation in distributing the enclosed invitations to your Councillors and General Manager.

I have also taken the liberty of attaching a template Media Release and Mayoral Minute which I would encourage you to use to formally inform your community and your council of this important event.

Prior to the Convention the Taskforce will provide a discussion paper to all Councils. The paper will include the base principles to be presented to delegates for consideration, discussion and feedback.

Voting at the Convention will be *One Vote* per full member council and a majority vote will be represented by 66% of delegates present. Please note that any decisions from the Convention will not be binding on either Association, but will signify a way forward for the Taskforce and the respective Associations to vote on at their respective Conferences



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On behalf of the Taskforce I thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you at the Convention in August.

More details of the Taskforce and the Convention can be found on the Associations website: [www.lgsa.org.au/oneassociation](http://www.lgsa.org.au/oneassociation).

Please contact Peter Coulton or Skye Smith on 02 9242 4000 at the Associations for further information.

Yours sincerely



Libby Darlison  
Chair

### **Attachments**

- A checklist, which we would ask for return;
- Invitations for GM's and All Councillors;
- A template media release for your council to utilise
- Mayoral Minute template;

