



Media Release

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National Growth Areas Alliance elects new leadership team.

Mayor Glenn Docherty, Mayor of Playford City Council, SA has been elected as Chair of the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) and Mayor Tracey Roberts, Mayor of Wanneroo, WA as Deputy Chair.

Both Glenn and Tracey know a lot about population growth pressures, with their Councils each experiencing the largest growth in their respective states between 2011-12.

Mayor Docherty has been South Australian Spokesperson for the NGAA. He said "I look forward to working with Mayor Roberts and representing the residents of outer suburban growth areas Australia-wide."

Both Mayor Docherty and Mayor Roberts are in Canberra this week for the Australian Local Government Association National Assembly and whilst there, will be meeting with parliamentary representatives to discuss infrastructure, industries and jobs of the future and the tremendous opportunities the growth areas offer.

"I thank Mayor Paul Pisasale, outgoing NGAA Chair and Mayor Carol Adams, outgoing Deputy Chair for all of their efforts to make a difference to the quality of life for those who live in our areas."

Mayor Pisasale said "I'd like to offer my heartiest congratulations to Mayor Docherty and Mayor Roberts. I am sure they will be wonderful advocates for growth areas. I thank my colleagues at NGAA for supporting me as Chair over the last three years."

"NGAA research illustrates that investment in crucial infrastructure and services will pay off via creation of jobs, increased tax revenue and a permanent boost to GDP. ¹ In my role as NGAA Chair, I'd like to see all levels of Government working together to realise the potential of the Outer Suburban Growth Areas." Said NGAA Chair Elect Mayor Docherty.

"I'd like to follow on from Mayor Pisasale, emphasising the importance of all levels of Government thinking forward and working together. NGAA is about offering solutions that will not only benefit our growth areas, but will benefit the whole of Australia."

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- NGAA covers 25 growth municipalities on the outskirts of capital cities nationally
- Number of residents in NGAA member areas 3.5 million²
- Proportion of Australia's growth 2006-2011 27.5%
- Rate of growth compared to Australia Double³
- Forecast population in NGAA member areas by 2021 4.4 million⁴

¹ Cost Benefit Analysis of Investment of Growth Areas, 2009, SGS Economics and Planning.

Stats.

² If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, there are 4.4 million residents.

³ Hugo G & Harris K, University of Adelaide, *Population Dynamics in Outer Suburbs 2006-2011* (2013)

⁴ If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, the projected population by 2021 is 5.5m.