



# Media Release

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## **National Growth Areas Alliance elects new Deputy Chair.**

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 the City of Wanneroo, WA as Deputy Chair.

Both Glenn and Tracey have extensive knowledge about population growth pressures, with their Councils each experiencing the largest growth in their respective states.

Mayor Roberts is highly enthusiastic about being elected to the role, having represented a member of the NGAA for a number of years. She said "I fully understand the challenges that growth Councils face and am looking forward to working proactively with Mayor Docherty as we represent 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 - jobs of the future and the tremendous opportunities for the outer growth areas.

"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 Adams 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 Deputy Chair over the last three years."

NGAA Deputy Chair Elect Mayor Tracey Roberts said "NGAA research illustrates that investment in crucial infrastructure and services will result in the creation of jobs, increased tax revenue and a permanent boost to GDP. In my role as NGAA Deputy Chair, I will be working with all levels of Government to realise the potential of the Outer Suburban Growth Areas."

She said "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 million<sup>1</sup>
- Proportion of Australia's growth 2006-2011 27.5%
- Rate of growth compared to Australia Double<sup>2</sup>
- Forecast population in NGAA member areas by 2021 4.4 million<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, there are 4.4 million residents.

<sup>2</sup> Hugo G & Harris K, University of Adelaide, *Population Dynamics in Outer Suburbs 2006-2011* (2013)

<sup>3</sup> If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, the projected population by 2021 is 5.5m.