

9th March 2023

Cr Darriea Turley AM Local Government NSW GPO 7003 Sydney, NSW 2001

Dear Cr Turrey,

I am writing to you in response to your letter to The Hon Mark Banasiak on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party (SFF) will strongly support the 10 priorities outlined in the LGNSW 2023 Election Priorities. These priorities cover a wide range of issues that are of critical importance to local communities in New South Wales. As a member of the New South Wales Legislative Council, I believe that these priorities are essential for the continued growth and development of our communities.

Financial Stability: We support the LGNSW's call for greater financial stability for local governments. This includes the need for more flexible funding arrangements and increased financial autonomy for local councils. We also believe that there is a need for greater transparency and accountability in the allocation of government funds to local government.

Resilience to Natural Disasters: SFF fully supports the LGNSW's focus on building resilience to natural disasters. This includes the need for better disaster management planning and preparedness, as well as increased investment in mitigation and recovery measures.

Roads and Infrastructure: We recognize the critical importance of roads and infrastructure in supporting economic and social development. We support the LGNSW's call for increased investment in roads and infrastructure, as well as the need for better coordination and planning in this area.

Housing and Homelessness: We believe that access to safe, affordable housing is a basic human right. We support the LGNSW's call for increased investment in social and affordable housing, as well as the need for greater coordination and collaboration across government agencies in addressing homelessness.

Environment and the Circular Economy: SFF is committed to environmental protection and sustainable resource management. We fully support the LGNSW's call for greater investment in environmental sustainability, as well as the need for a more circular economy that minimizes waste and maximizes resource efficiency.

Intergovernmental Agreement: We believe that there is a need for greater collaboration and coordination across all levels of government. We support the LGNSW's call for a new intergovernmental agreement that will promote better cooperation and coordination between federal, state and local governments.

Stronger Communities: We recognize the importance of strong and resilient communities in promoting social and economic well-being. We support the LGNSW's call for greater investment in community development, as well as the need for more targeted support for disadvantaged and marginalized communities.

Rural Regional and Community Health: SFF believes that access to quality healthcare is essential for the health and well-being of all communities. We support the LGNSW's call for increased investment in rural, regional and community health services, as well as the need for greater collaboration between government and non-government healthcare providers.

Planning: We recognize the importance of effective planning in supporting economic and social development. We support the LGNSW's call for better planning processes, as well as the need for more effective engagement with local communities in the planning process.

Skills and Labour Shortages: We recognize the critical importance of having a skilled and adaptable workforce in supporting economic growth and development. We support the LGNSW's call for greater investment in skills and training, as well as the need for better coordination and collaboration across government and industry in addressing labour shortages.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our full support for the 10 priorities outlined in the LGNSW 2023 Election Priorities. We believe that these priorities reflect the needs and aspirations of local communities in New South Wales, and we are committed to working with local government to ensure their successful implementation. We look forward to working with you to create a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future for all.

Yours sincerely

Robert Borsak MLC

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