



Appendix 1

MOTION DETAILS

Motion 1: Telecommunication companies to provide infrastructure and communication devices

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to require Telecommunication companies to provide infrastructure and communication devices that are resilient and reliable in high risk areas. So that all communities across Australia have access to NBN satellite infrastructure to access news and other critical information in times of high risk such as fire, flood and other weather-related events.

National Objective

To enhance the preparedness, resilience and recovery of communities dealing with a changing climatic environment

Summary of Key Arguments

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The key arguments behind this motion are:

- 1) Homes and Businesses now mostly run on digital platforms which if they become impaired or lost in times of extreme weather or catastrophic event not only lead to a loss of income and social utility but also contribute to unnecessary risk and loss of life.
- 2) The Federal Government is the only body with the legislative and economic clout to mandate that telecommunication companies and other related essential service providers build a network of satellite infrastructure that allows small and isolated communities to access news and other critical information about people and events in times of high risk such as fire flood and other crisis events; and
- 3) This infrastructure would also provide a productivity and economic impetus for regional communities seeking to recover from a sustained period of drought and now bushfires



Appendix 2

Motion 2: Telecommunication companies to ensure their infrastructure is fire resistant and regularly maintained.

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to require Telecommunication companies to ensure their infrastructure is fire resistant and provides a regular maintenance routine to minimize the risk of infrastructure loss during critical risk events such as fire, flood or weather incidents.

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Appendix 3

Motion 3: Expand and increase the funding of the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to expand and increase the funding of the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative (ROSI) by focusing on rural regions hit by the 2019/2020 bushfires and floods. This funding will enable fire and flood ravaged communities to upgrade freight and road corridors to fund bridge and culvert upgrades, road sealing, strengthening and widening, creating a more reliable and safer road network and facilitate tourism opportunities which will assist the economic recovery of fire and flood ravaged rural communities. This will assist Council's work with isolated communities. East Gippsland Shire Council nominates the Princes Highway as roads of strategic importance that require that should be the focus of this funding

National Objective

To deliver a highway network in SE Australia that provides safer travel connectivity for communities in all environmental and weather conditions

Summary of Key Arguments

Local Governments affected by the recent bushfire emergency have endured a civil emergency of unprecedented proportion. Over 2000 kms (1500 km alone in East Gippsland) of road has been burnt where the Princes Highway linking Victoria and NSW was closed for more than a month. This coinciding with the peak holiday period has had a commercial and social impact the cost of which is still being determined

Dedicated and appropriate funding of the Princes Highway (seen as Roads of Strategic Importance) would:

- 1) Improve safety and travel times for locals, tourists and workers alike which in turn would lead to less road fatalities across the region
- 2) Improve safety and productivity for freight movement across East Gippsland
- 3) Provide an economic impetus and local content and jobs for communities seeking to deal with the impacts of prolonged drought and a downturn in timber and tourist sectors