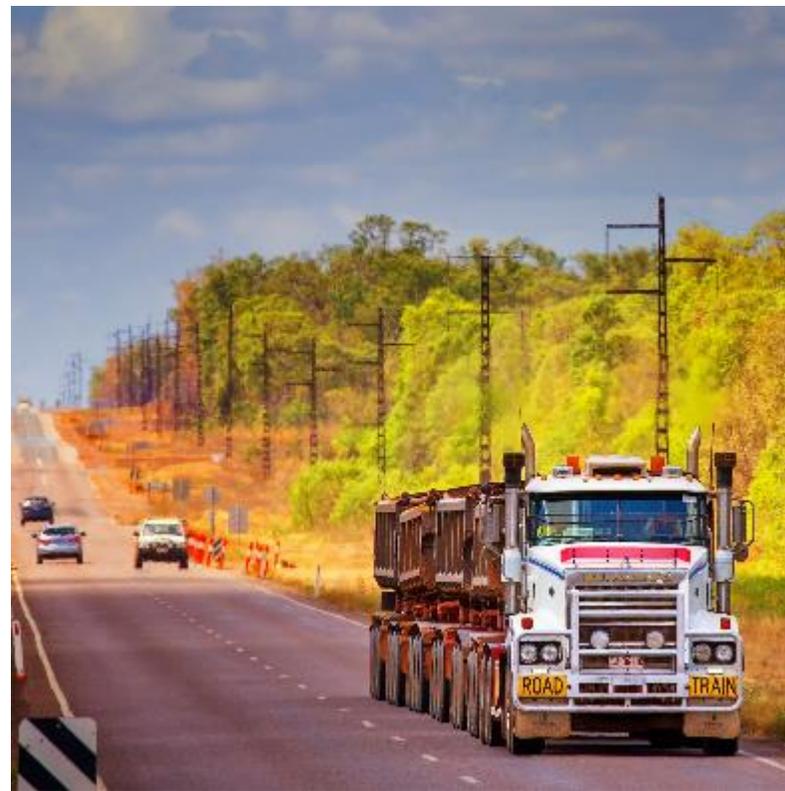


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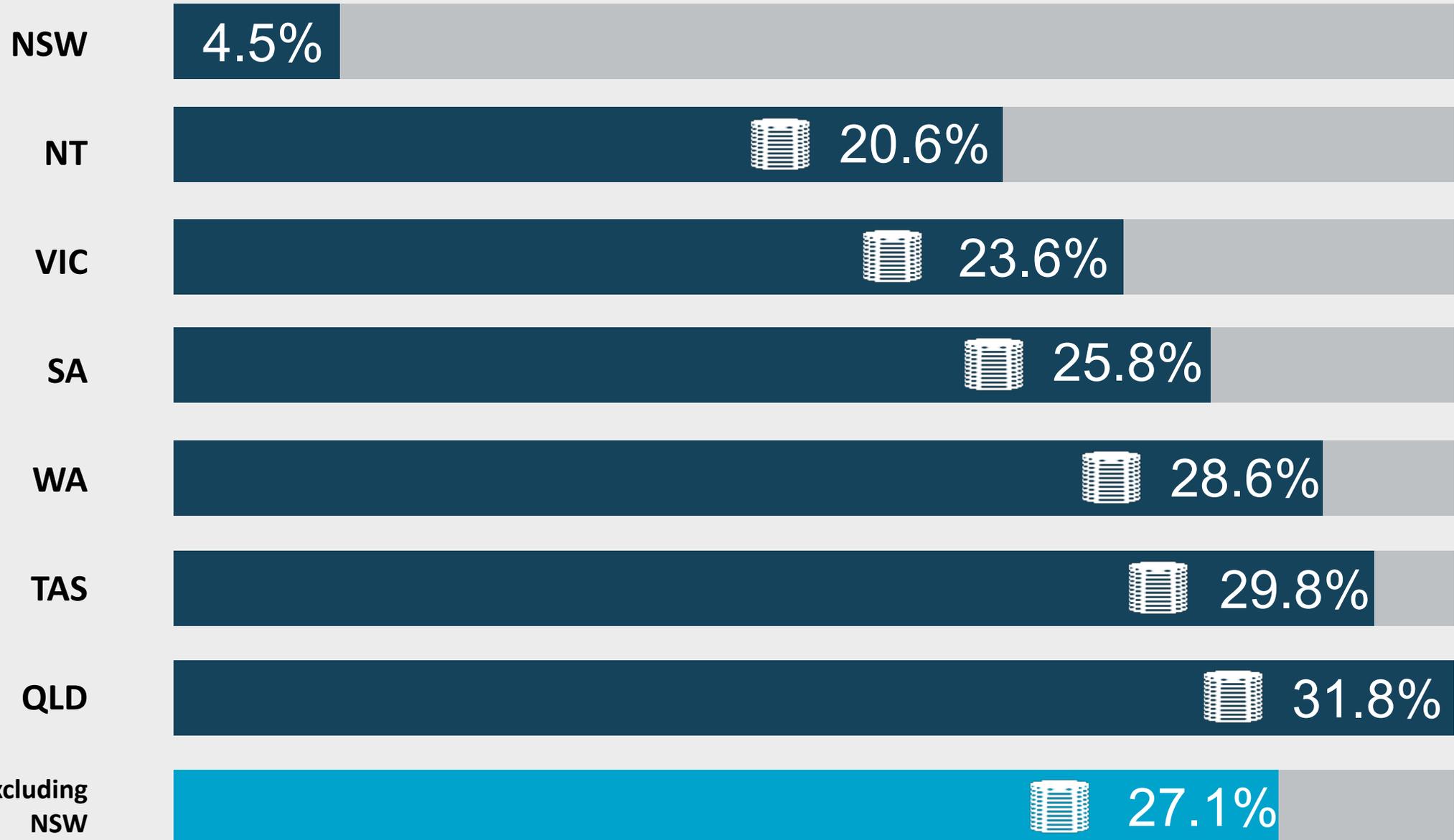
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# Change in Rate Revenue/Capita

Change 04/05 to 13/14 – Values CPI Adjusted



# ADVOCACY

→ CONSISTENCY

→ PERSEVERANCE

Emphasising national impact through local application

Reinforcing fundamental principles of equity, partnership and co-responsibility

Identify how both local and federal governments can gain from funding our priorities

# ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL

**12 ways to deliver for Australian  
communities**

ALGA Federal Election Initiatives

1

**INITIATIVE**

**REPAIR FEDERAL FUNDING  
TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Maintain living standards and local economic growth by restoring the quantum of Financial Assistance Grants to a level

**≥1%** of Commonwealth  
tax revenue

2

**INITIATIVE**

**REALISE THE PRODUCTIVE  
POTENTIAL OF AUSTRALIA'S  
FREIGHT ROUTES**

Establish a Local Government Higher Productivity Investment Plan funded at



3

**INITIATIVE**

**BOOST SAFETY ON LOCAL  
ROADS**

Improve the safety and management of local roads by **doubling** Roads to Recovery funding and making the Bridges Renewal Program **permanent**



**\$800M  
PER YEAR**

4

**INITIATIVE**

**PROMOTE EQUITABLE  
ACCESS TO COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

Achieve more sustainable local communities by funding community infrastructure at a cost of

**\$300M  
PER YR  
FOR 4  
YRS**



5

**INITIATIVE**

**PROTECT COMMUNITIES  
FROM THE IMPACTS OF  
NATURAL DISASTERS**

Protect communities from the impact of natural disasters by maintaining support for relief and recovery and investing in targeted mitigation.

**\$200M  
PER YR  
FOR  
4 YRS**

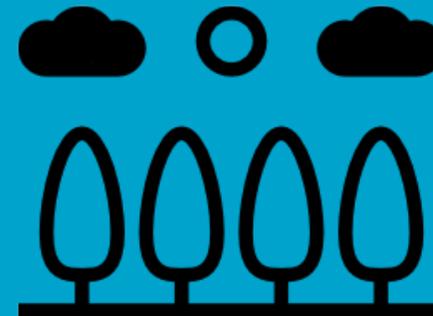


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**INITIATIVE**

**SUPPORT COMMUNITIES  
WITH THEIR CLIMATE  
CHANGE RESPONSE**

Invest in a Local Government Climate Change Partnership Fund of



**\$200M  
OVER  
4 YRS**

7

**INITIATIVE**

**PROMOTE HEALTHIER  
COMMUNITIES**

Establish a Local Government Preventative  
Health and Activity Program



**\$100M  
OVER  
4 YRS**

8

**INITIATIVE**

**FOSTER INDIGENOUS  
WELL-BEING AND  
PROSPERITY**

Continue support by renewing the National  
Partnership Agreement on Remote  
Indigenous Housing



.....SECURITY

.....STABILITY

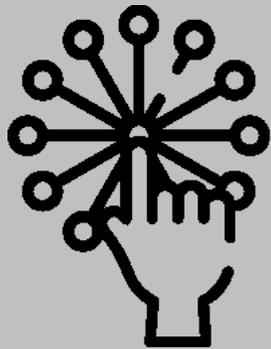
.....PREDICTABILITY

9

**INITIATIVE**

**SUPPORT COMMUNITIES ON  
THEIR DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION  
JOURNEYS**

We need to fully realise the benefit of investments in smart technologies



**COMMIT FUNDING TO**

**SMART COMMUNITIES  
PROGRAM**

**\$100M**  
PER YEAR

**DIGITAL  
RURAL/REGIONAL  
COMMUNICATIONS  
PROGRAM**

**\$100 MILLION  
OVER 4 YEARS**

10

**INITIATIVE**

**ADDRESS THE SOUTH  
AUSTRALIAN ROAD  
FUNDING ANOMALY**

We need a permanent fix to the South Australian road funding gap



11

INITIATIVE

**STRENGTHEN  
AUSTRALIA'S CIRCULAR  
ECONOMY**

Commonwealth leadership needed to achieve more cost-effective and equitable funding approaches, including access to state waste levies



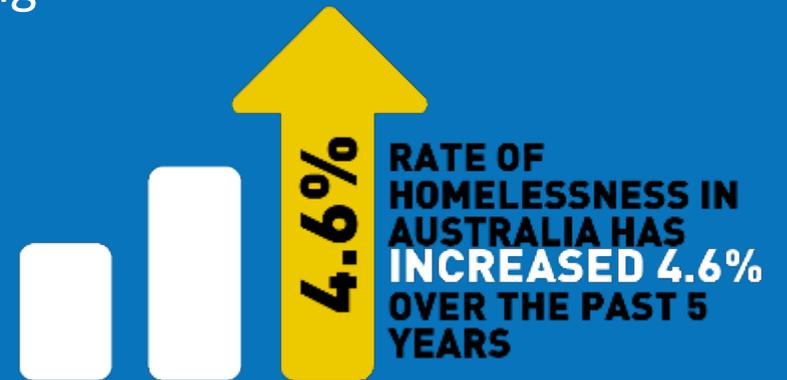
**WANT  
RECYCLED  
CONTENT  
INCLUDED IN  
GOVERNMENT  
PROCUREMENT**

12

INITIATIVE

**SUPPORT LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT  
WORK IN ADDRESSING  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
HOMELESSNESS ISSUES**

Local government's role in housing must be acknowledged with appropriate funding, including for innovative partnership models on housing



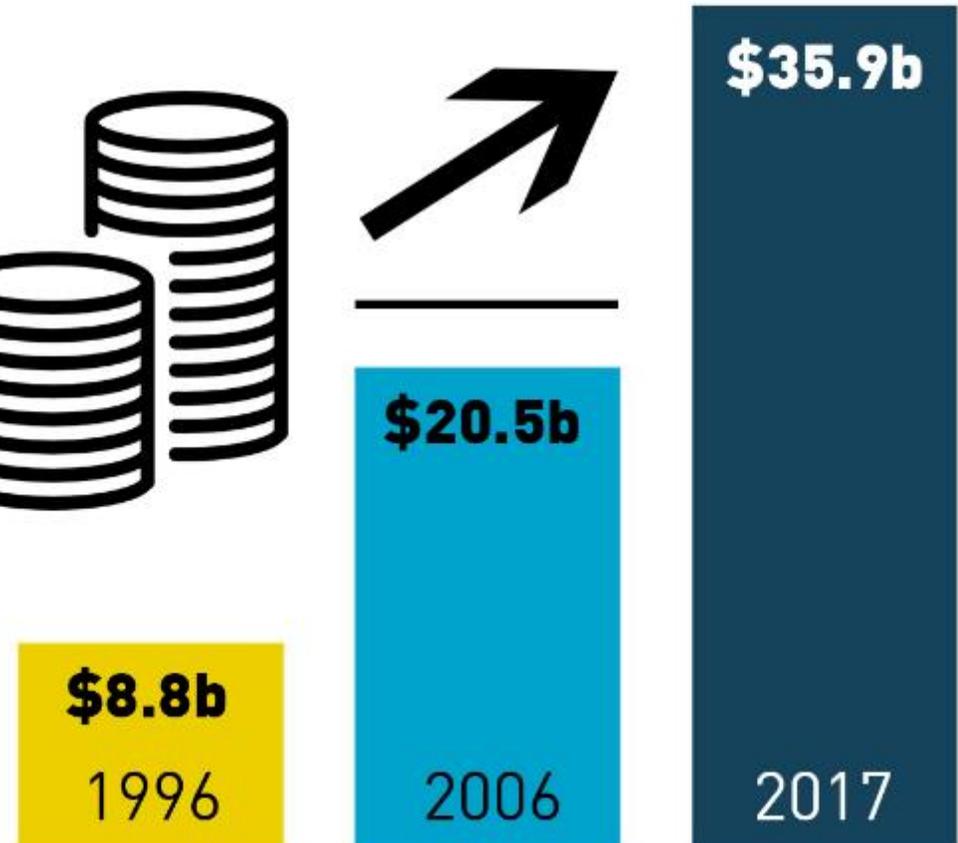
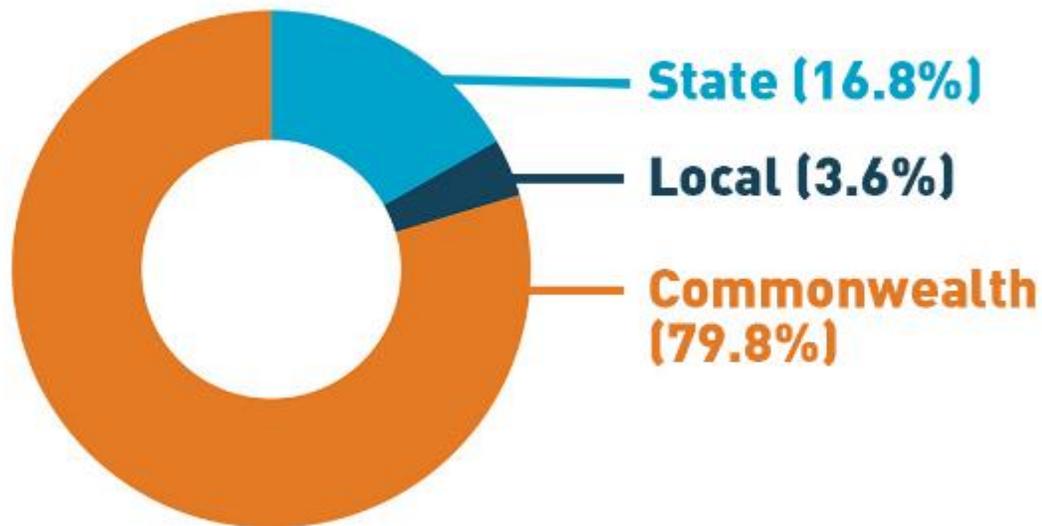


Localgov gets **less funds** each year



Localgov expenditure has been **increasing**

Localgov collects the **least tax**



# A FAIRER SHARE!

Local councils are responsible for 33% of public infrastructure including 75% of roads but only raise 3.6% of taxes. 3.6% of the tax take is not adequate funding.

There is currently a \$30 billion infrastructure backlog and this is going to continue to grow to meet productivity and safety requirements. All communities are vulnerable if this backlog is not addressed.



**A FAIRER SHARE  
FOR LOCAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE.**

...unlocks safer and stronger communities.

Restoring fairer Commonwealth infrastructure funding to local councils ensures investment in the facilities and services that make our local communities great places to live.

**A FAIRER SHARE!**

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[fairershare.com.au](http://fairershare.com.au)



Of Councils have a current shortage of engineers

14%



Have been forced to recruit less skilled engineers



35%



Identified a shortage of engineers as a critical future issue

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**Thank you**

