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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **LGMA National welcomes incoming Prime Minister**

LGMA National has congratulated the incoming Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, following his elevation to the leadership of the Federal Liberal Party.

President of LGMA National, Dr Shayne Silcox, said the LGMA National Board was looking forward to working with Mr Turnbull on consultation matters affecting the local government sector, with the support of the LGMA Federation partners, whose unique relationship with local governments will help meet the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

“We hope Mr Turnbull will committed to ensuring a consultative and collaborative approach to engaging with the sector, particularly with respect to Local Government’s unique value proposition and role as the at the coal face of local communities,” Dr Silcox added

In the coming months, LGMA National will make a major contribution to discussions on the White Paper on Reform of the Federation, and the implications for Local Government. This follows the release of the latest discussion paper, which makes little reference to the role of local government. The Office of the Prime Minister announced the ‘White Paper on the Reform of the Federation’ (PM 2014) in June 2014. For more information, visit [www.lgma.org.au/advoacy](http://www.lgma.org.au/advoacy).

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