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### **Saturday's Federal Election - focus must be on better co-operation between all levels of government**

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LG Professionals Australia is calling for the blame game between all levels of government to stop if real change and improvements to service delivery and innovation are to be made under the new government.

'We are calling on the Federal, State and Local Governments to work together to deliver efficiencies across all government services. Part of this will mean the recognition that local governments are closest to communities and best placed to advocate on their behalf and provide the services most needed in each region,' said Lauren Oakey, CEO, LG Professionals Australia.

In its recent Federal Election statement LG Professionals Australia has called for:

- Fresh policies to address national issues that reflect localist perspectives, and find better way to promote collaboration between all levels of government, business and communities.
- Re-establish both a dedicated Local Government Ministers Council and Officials Committee, and a federal office of local government, under COAG.
- Form a genuine partnership with local government, not just the states and territories, in the negotiation of proposed 'City Deals' (or similar initiatives) and new regional development programs.
- Support a national local government think-tank as one of several centres for innovation in government and service delivery along the lines of the UK 'What Works Network'.

Read the full Federal Election Statement at [www.lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au](http://www.lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au)

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