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National Stronger Regions Fund a Welcome Part of the Picture

Mayor Paul Pisasale, the Chair of the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) representing 3.7 million people living in the fast growing outer-suburbs of Australia’s capital cities has welcomed the Coalition’s National Stronger Region’s Fund.

“The Coalition has indicated that the National Stronger Regions Fund will help communities with poor socio-economic circumstances and higher than average unemployment, by improving local facilities, creating local jobs and building needed infrastructure. We support that focus, which aptly describes many of our fast growing outer suburbs.”

“NGAA has been calling for a program to help build community facilities in fast growth suburbs on the outskirts of our state capitals. We consider the National Stronger Regions Fund to be an important contribution to the need for investment in infrastructure to assist local communities.”

“Outer growth suburbs have backlogs in infrastructure and services and are falling further behind as population growth continues at double the national rate. These areas urgently need investment in infrastructure and deserve their fair share of available funding, as they do not share the same benefits as average city dwellers, have rural areas within them and serve rural and regional areas beyond their borders.”

“The National Stronger Regions Fund is part of the picture. An Urban Infrastructure Fund as proposed by the Urban Coalition in its New Deal for Urban Australia would provide much greater infrastructure investment opportunities. We call on all parties to support the Urban Coalition’s call for the establishment of an Urban Infrastructure Fund. We need to make sure the basics are within reach for all Australians.”

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NGAA Facts

- Members comprise 25 of the fastest growing municipalities, located on the outskirts of the major cities around the nation
- Number of residents in NGAA areas  3.7 million
- Forecast population in 2026  5.4 million

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