



**Shelley Hancock**  
Minister for Local Government

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW PRESIDENT ELECTED**

The NSW Government today congratulated Councillor Darriea Turley for being elected as the new president of Local Government NSW.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock welcomed Councillor Turley's election to the top job at the peak body representing NSW local councils.

"Local Government NSW works closely with the NSW Government to support and promote councils and communities across the State," Mrs Hancock said.

"I am delighted that Councillor Turley has been elected as the new president of Local Government NSW and I look forward to working with her as we continue to drive the economic and social recovery of our local communities.

"Councillor Turley is a strong and passionate advocate for regional NSW and I will welcome the knowledge and experience she brings to this key position and the discussion table."

Councillor Turley was elected to Broken Hill City Council in 1995 and as Mayor in 2016, has received numerous accolades including nominations for NSW Woman of the Year (2008) and appointed by the Commonwealth Government to the Australian delegation to the United Nations for the Commission on the Status of Women – 56<sup>th</sup> session.

Councillor Turley was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the community of Broken Hill, particularly in the health, social welfare and education sectors, and to women in local government in 2018.

Mrs Hancock congratulated all other successful candidates at the LGNSW Board election and wish them well in their roles.

"I would also like to thank outgoing LGNSW president Councillor Linda Scott for being a strong advocate for local councils and communities, especially during the unprecedented challenges we have faced with bushfires, floods and COVID-19," Mrs Hancock said.

"We also renewed our Inter-Governmental Agreement during Cr Scott's tenure which represented a new era of co-operation and support between State and local government.

"I look forward to continuing the strong working relationship between our two levels of government as we work towards our shared goal of stronger councils and communities."

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