

Minister Geoff Brock

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New member appointed to Local Government Grants Commission

Local Government Minister, Geoff Brock today announced the appointment of a new member to the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission.

“The Commission has three members and is responsible for making recommendations on the distribution of untied Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governing authorities in South Australia,” Mr Brock said.

The new member of the Commission is Deputy Mayor of the City of Marion, Mr Luke Hutchinson.

Mr Hutchinson was selected from a panel of three candidates as the member nominee of the Local Government Association.

The Commission is an independent Statutory Authority and Mr Hutchinson’s appointment for a period of two years brings current local government experience to complement the existing Commission members – Ms Mary Patetsos (Chair) and Commissioner, Ms Jane Gascoigne.

Mr Brock said the Commission played a very important role for local government in South Australia, providing more than \$150 million in funding to 74 bodies, including all 68 councils, the Outback Communities Authority and five Aboriginal communities.

“This funding enables councils that have a lower than average capacity to raise revenue and greater than average expenditure requirements to provide the services needed by their communities.

“I welcome Mr Hutchinson’s appointment and I look forward to his contribution to the Commission’s ongoing assessment of councils’ needs for grant support,” Mr Brock said.

“I would also like to thank the former Commissioner, Mr Richard Vickery for his contribution to the Commission.

“Mr Vickery provided a valuable insight into the provision of local government services for the Commission, liaised well with councils as part of the Commission’s visiting program and his contribution to the Commission’s grant recommendations has been greatly appreciated,” Mr Brock said.