

## Motion Form

Council Name	City of Parramatta Council
Motion Category (highlight one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Governance</li></ul>
Motion Title	Australian Citizenship Ceremony Program
Proposed by	City Events & Festivals Team (CEE)

### Motion Wording:

That Local Government NSW:

1. Calls on the Australian Government to provide clarity on the role of councils in supporting the delivery of Australian Citizenship Ceremonies on behalf of the Australian Government;
2. Advocates to the Australian Government to establish funding support to Councils' to deliver this growing program on their behalf; and
3. Calls on the State Government and Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to also make representations to the Australian Government on this issue

### Motion Background (maximum 1 or 2 paragraphs):

The Department of Home Affairs provide Council's the opportunity to host Australia Citizenship Ceremonies on their behalf, to welcome new Citizens into their local communities in line with the Australian Citizenship Code.

The Department of Home Affairs continue to reduce their program delivery, resulting in Councils experiencing increased pressure to support growing Citizenship programs, particularly in Western Sydney.

Councils do not receive funding or grant support from the Australian Government to conduct this activity, resulting in Council incurring increased costs.

Residents are often unclear on Citizenship Ceremony Program ownership, and if the responsibility lies with the Australia Government or Council's, impact on the customer experience and Council reputation.