



# They came, they saw, yet they did not fund

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Fast-growing communities across Australia have been let down by the lack of funding commitments from both political leaders during the election campaign.

The National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) – a group of 30 councils in metropolitan growth corridors – has expressed extreme disappointment at the lack of funding allocated to support growth areas.

“To date, both leaders have spent around a quarter of their campaign time in NGAA areas, however have left a legacy of less than one per cent of funding commitments for those areas,” NGAA national spokesperson, Cr Linton Reynolds, said.

“Representing one in four Australians, the NGAA has called on each leader to spend a quarter of their time and a quarter of their money in growth areas. So far, we have been let down.

“Our communities have a right to feel insulted. Both leaders have visited regularly, had their photos taken in our shopping centres and on our streets, but failed to recognise the real issues facing our communities.”

Cr Reynolds said fast-growing areas were more than just the backdrops for photo opportunities.

“We represent real communities with real issues that are only going to become more pressing unless something is done now. We can not wait,” he said.

“Just past the mid-way point, this campaign has been a letdown for us, all we have gotten is lip service when we need real support and real funding allocations.

“The NGAA will continue to monitor election spending and travel commitments of the major party leaders through our ‘Quarter of the time, quarter of the money’ index.”

Cr Reynolds said Canberra needs to recognise that council-funded services such as libraries and sports facilities in fast growing areas are imperiled

Our federal politicians need to do more than talk about the problem, but play a role in solving it. Councils can't do it alone.

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