

# OUR VISION/

To create the most active and inclusive local democracy in the world.



## Our purpose:

We serve members by championing, connecting and supporting local government

### CHAMPION/

- > Advocate for local government on critical issues.
- > Build relationships with ministers and officials.
- > Decode policy and make submissions.
- > Speak out for local government in the media.

### CONNECT/

- > Bring members together at zone, sector and conference events or via networks like Te Maruata and YEM.
- > Create strong feedback loops between members and LGNZ’s work.

### SUPPORT/

- > Provide professional development uniquely tailored to local government.
- > Support councils and elected members when they are stuck.
- > Support elected members to deal with pressure and harassment.

## Our long-term goals:

### 01.

Local government and central government are trusted partners.

### 02.

Council can access the right funding and financing tools to reduce pressure on ratepayers and entrench localism.

### 03.

Elected members are connected, engaged and highly capable.

### 04.

Te Tiriti partnerships between local government and Māori are authentic, strong and respected.

### 05.

More New Zealanders value and participate in local government.

### 06.

A sustainable and fit-for-purpose LGNZ.

## Our work in 2025:

### CHAMPION/

- + Focus our advocacy effort on shifting the dial on systematic issues that are mutually beneficial to local government, its communities and central government.
- + Leverage off the strengthened working relationship with the Government and new Minister to develop solutions.
- + Advocate for councils to have access to a greater range of funding and financing tools that are fit-for-purpose, through the lens of regional deals.
- + Show the value that councils deliver to communities and the cost pressures that they face in the lead up to the 2025 elections.

### CONNECT/

- + Deliver All-of-local government and SuperLocal25 events focused on the challenges and opportunities in front of councils.
- + Advocate for increased safety for all elected members, while specifically enhancing connections between women EMs.
- + Make members feel more connected to our advocacy.
- + Activate LGNZ’s new Māori strategy, Hutia te Rito.

### SUPPORT/

- + Revitalise induction for Mayors, Chairs and elected members, supported by our Ākona learning and development platform.
- + Launch a resolution and support service to help councils deescalate and effectively resolve conflict.
- + Launch the revitalised CouncilMARK/Te Korowai.