

TOGETHER ON COUNTRY

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Key Information - Please read the Program Guidelines before completing your Expression of Interest (EOI). The Program Guidelines can be [found here](#).

Please answer every question in this EOI application. If a question is not applicable to your application, write "N/A" and explain why. If you need more information, please contact the NSWALC Program Implementation Unit (02) 9689 4444 or via e-mail: toc@alc.org.au.

Together on Country (TOC) Program projects are a two-step application process. Interested applicants can submit an EOI. Applicants who are successful through the EOI assessment component will then be invited to develop their EOI into a full Project Proposal. Approved Project Proposals then move into the implementation stage.

LALCs are only permitted one successful TOC Project. However, LALCs that were unsuccessful in their first TOC EOI will receive constructive feedback and be encouraged to re-apply.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

All LALCs* are eligible for the Program and EOIs are open all year. Eligible projects should contribute to the improvement of waste management practices on LALC owned land in NSW. They should address various sources and types of waste and align with the waste management priorities of the Community.

Projects need to be completed within **18 months of receiving formal project approval**.

EOI's will be considered until April 2027 or until funding is exhausted (whichever comes first).

*LALCs currently under administration are ineligible - please contact NSWALC's Program implementation Unit team on details above for further information.

Items that can be funded under the program

- Illegal dumping deterrents including equipment and/or infrastructure.
- Equipment and/or infrastructure for business-as-usual waste services.
- Waste clean-up and disposal activities including waste audits, wages for community members to perform clean-up work or funding to engage specialists to perform removal or remediation works.
- Training, education, and communication initiatives that relate to waste management within the community.
- Project investigation and planning.
- Business partnerships and action to support circular economy.
- Other items as agreed by the EPA and SWALC where they meet the outcomes of approved project plans.
- Projects incorporating the removal of dumped asbestos will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Items that cannot be funded under the program

- Activities/items not aligned with approved project activities or the program objectives.
 - Vehicles, except for vehicles where the sole use is for waste management activities.
 - Core operational expenses such as rent, electricity, and internet.
 - Contaminated land rehabilitation.
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PART 1 – LALC CONTACT DETAILS

Name of LALC:

Address of LALC:

ABN of LALC:

LALC Registered for GST ☐ Yes ☐ No

Main Contact Person for your Together on Country Project:

Email:

Phone Number:

PART 2 - DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Project title (maximum 15 words)

Meeting program objectives

(Tick all relevant Program Objective box(es) that your Proposed Project meets)

- ☐ Reduce and enable the safe disposal of waste.
- ☐ Care for Country and improve living conditions.
- ☐ Develop and maintain relationships with Aboriginal communities on shared priorities connected to waste and materials management.
- ☐ Support Aboriginal communities' participation in the circular economy.

What is the proposed project?

Please briefly outline the key details of your proposed project (Approx. 100-200 words).

Is the proposed project consistent with your LALC's Community Land and Business Plan (CLBP)?

In your response please briefly explain how it is consistent with your LALCs CLBP and attach the relevant pages of the CLBP.

Why is this project needed?

Describe why the project is needed, what outcomes you hope to achieve and, how the project is designed to address that need and deliver those outcomes.

What planning has been undertaken in relation to the project?

Below are a number of common issues for your LALCs consideration, though other matters not listed here may also need to be factored into your project planning:

1. Have the necessary LALC members or LALC Board approvals been obtained?

If yes, please attach evidence.

☐ Yes ☐ No | ☐ Evidence Attached

2. Is the land subject to Native Title? There are restrictions on LALCs dealing with land that is subject to Native Title. This information is noted on the Certificate of Title (CT) or by conducting a title search.

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you identified whether consultation with other organisations or stakeholders is required? If so, have you undertaken this consultation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will this project receive funding from any other organisation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

PART 3 – LAND DETAILS

Where will the project take place?

Please attach maps and other relevant documents. It is essential that you provide the Lot and DP numbers below. If your project will take place on more than one property, please cite the additional Lot and DP numbers in the 'Other relevant details' box.

Property name:

Physical address:

Town/City: Postcode:

Lot: DP:

Other relevant details:

E.g. Additional Lot and DP Numbers

Does your LALC have a legal interest in the land?

Please tick the boxes that apply.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered 'Yes', what kind of title does your LALC hold?

☐ Freehold ☐ Leasehold ☐ Other

PART 4 – PROJECT BUDGET

Please complete the table below, indicating your proposed project budget.

E.g. Budget Item: Ride on Lawn Mower, Supplier: Bunnings, Amount Requested: \$3,999.09

Grants up to a maximum value of \$150,000 (excluding GST) are available.

Please **attach quotes** to justify the amounts cited in the table. We also ask that you identify other sources of funding and in-kind support if applicable.

Budget Item	Supplier	Amount requested from TOC Grant	Amount from other source (or write 'in-kind' if applicable)	Name of non-TOC source
1		\$	\$	
2		\$	\$	
3		\$	\$	
4		\$	\$	
5		\$	\$	
6		\$	\$	
7		\$	\$	
8		\$	\$	
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18		\$	\$	
19		\$	\$	
20		\$	\$	
21		\$	\$	
22		\$	\$	
23		\$	\$	
24		\$	\$	
Subtotal A:\$			Subtotal B:\$	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (A + B) =				\$

PART 5 - SUBMITTING YOUR EOI

Completed EOIs and attachments can be submitted via e-mail to toc@alc.org.au at any time during the financial year.

Please ensure that you have attached the following

- ☐ Relevant section(s) of CLBP.
- ☐ Evidence of support from partner organisation/s, if applicable.
- ☐ Evidence of your LALC's legal interest in the land and property details, including maps.
- ☐ Quotes for items in your proposed budget.

Please also note:

Ensure that e-mails (including attachments) do not exceed 6MB in size. If you need to send multiple e-mails in order to remain under the 6MB limit, please clearly identify all of them as being part of your LALC's application.

PART 6 – DECLARATION

BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT:

- ☐ I have read the Program Guidelines.
- ☐ The information contained in this Expression of Interest (EOI) is complete and accurate.
- ☐ I understand the Program has no obligation to grant funding for the proposed project.
- ☐ I understand that this EOI is part of Stage One in seeking a grant from the Program and, as per the Guidelines the program implementation unit will contact you to progress to discuss Stage Two and the development of a project proposal. NSWALC may request further information.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the applicant LALCs participation in any stage of this application process, or in relation to any matter concerning the process, is at the applicant's sole risk, cost and expense.
- ☐ I consent, on behalf of the applicant LALC, to the Program seeking external advice from third parties in relation to the proposed project and the information obtained in this application.
- ☐ I consent to NSWALC and the EPA using the information in this EOI for assessing and administering the Program.
- ☐ Where any personal information of someone other than myself has been provided, the third party has been made aware of, and has authorised, the collection of that personal information in this application.
- ☐ Where applicable, the applicant LALC has obtained the full agreement of the partner organisation(s) identified in this application.
- ☐ I have read and understood the Privacy Notice below:

Privacy Notice: By completing this form you may be providing personal information to NSWALC. Any information is provided voluntarily and alternatives to providing personal information can be discussed should you, or anyone whose personal information may be provided, choose not to provide that personal information. Any personal information provided is being collected to assess applications for a grant from the NSWALC Community Development Fund and may be disclosed to third parties for assessment purposes. Any personal information will be held by NSWALC at 33 Argyle Street Parramatta, and NSWALC can be contacted should any person wish to access and/or correct any personal information. Other than as set out above, NSWALC will not disclose any personal information without your consent unless it is authorised or required by law.

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE _____ LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL in accordance with s. 245 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* by its duly authorised officer:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Position: