

Advocacy Action Plan 2023

Our plan to achieve the liveable
communities Queenslanders
deserve



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**Every Queensland
community** deserves
to be a liveable one

LGAQ Events 2023

Key Events	Location	Dates
LGW Workplace Health & Safety Conference	Brisbane Showgrounds	14-16 February
Qld Climate Resilient Councils Alliance Symposium	Brisbane Marriott Hotel	2 March
NRM Forum	Roma Croydon	9 March 14 March
Local Government Heritage Conference	Brolga Theatre, Maryborough	22-23 March
NRM Forum	Winton Kilcoy Cooktown	18 April 4 May 11 May
LGx	State Library of Qld – The Edge Auditorium	16-17 May
NRM Forum	Yeppoon	23 May
Qld Disaster Management Conference	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre	30 May – 1 June
Indigenous Leaders Forum	Rydges Esplanade, Cairns	8-9 June
Bush Councils Convention	Goondiwindi	25-27 July
LGAQ Annual Conference	Gladstone Convention Centre	16-18 October

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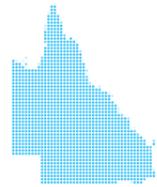


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Local government at a glance



77

councils in Queensland



578

Queensland councillors



42,092

council employees[^]



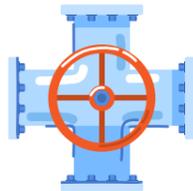
64,904

hectares of parks*



2,644

bridges**



1.7 million

water connections*



1.5 million

sewerage connections*



3.4 million

bin collections*



1.6 million

tonnes of waste removed*



A message from LGAQ President,
MAYOR MARK JAMIESON

Every Queensland community deserves to be a liveable one and Queensland's 77 councils consistently strive to achieve better outcomes for the local communities they represent. The work of the more than **42,000** people employed by Queensland councils contributes to what makes each of those communities more liveable.

As the peak body for local government in Queensland, the LGAQ is proud to represent the voices of our member councils, their communities and their employees. The LGAQ continues to provide a strong and united voice on issues that matter most to local governments and their communities.

Our dedicated advocacy and policy experts are focused on securing outcomes for our members to ensure they are better able to do their jobs and create the kinds of communities people want to work, play and live in every day.

The LGAQ's **2023 Advocacy Action Plan** represents all 130 policy motions councils endorsed at our 2022 Annual Conference, targeted to the level of government most able to action them. The Plan maps out the current challenges and key opportunities for local government – working in partnership with the other tiers of government – to achieve a shared goal of creating liveable Queensland communities.

Most importantly, the 2023 Advocacy Action Plan will assist in our negotiations with the Federal and State governments, and demonstrates just how important local councils are to Queenslanders.

In good times and bad, Queensland's councils are doing so much more than roads, rates and rubbish – providing more than 280 unique services to improve the lives of their residents and managing public assets worth more than \$150 billion combined.

As the Australian state most susceptible to natural disasters, and given our highly decentralised population, Queensland residents know they can rely on their council, particularly in times of adversity, as the level of government most connected to their community. Our councils are front and centre in helping communities get back on their feet in these situations.

Queensland councils deliver for their communities each and every day. Our role at the LGAQ – as the representative of local governments in Queensland – is to provide a persuasive and powerful voice on behalf of our members to State and Federal governments.

For those who care about Queenslanders and the councils representing them, please take the time to review our **2023 Advocacy Action Plan**. Creating more liveable communities across our great state starts here.



Mayor Mark Jamieson
President, Local Government Association of Queensland
Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council

*Source: 2020–2021 Local Government Comparative Reports published by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs.

**Source: 2019–2020 Local Government Comparative Reports

[^]Source: 2021 Workplace Census conducted by LGAQ.

Note: Figures are approximate.



What do Queenslanders say a liveable community is to them?

“We can say that a community is liveable if every person in the community plays their part to build unity and support the other members of the society. No discrimination, no racism and no hate.”

“A community is a good place to live when it has good transport links (cars and public transport), has small businesses nearby (cafes, restaurants, retailers), holds regular events, has adequate green space and is safe and free from serious crime.”

“Decent roads, amenities, not overpriced, achievable house prices, well maintained parks and footpaths, good schools and universities, job opportunities.”

*These quotes have been taken verbatim from community members’ responses to the LGAQ’s 2022 Community Sentiment Survey.



ABOUT THE ADVOCACY ACTION PLAN

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The LGAQ is committed to member-led advocacy. The 2023 Advocacy Action Plan (AAP) has been created from the 2022 Annual Conference motions proposed by, voted on and endorsed by Queensland’s 77 councils on those things that help create liveable communities.

The 2023 AAP includes all 130 of these resolutions, requests to be made to the State and/or Federal governments on behalf of our sector. These endorsed resolutions, in addition to agreed positions contained in our **2022 LGAQ Policy Statement**, demonstrate both the extent of our sector’s advocacy challenge and the critical role local government plays in every aspect of community life.

Throughout the year, the LGAQ’s Advocacy team will work with members to progress resolutions with the relevant level of government. We will do this through meetings, submissions, correspondence, working groups, forums, and, potentially, public campaigns.

You too can use the AAP to build awareness and understanding of the wide-ranging scope of your advocacy efforts, and to help support your own council’s, or region’s, independent advocacy on issues of importance to your community.

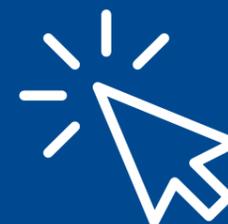
In order to drive the outcomes that will create the liveable communities Queenslanders deserve, the LGAQ will also produce biannual report cards, assessing the responses from the Federal and State governments against the requests the LGAQ puts to them on behalf of our members.

And, in response to our members’ feedback, we’re also going digital – with members able to use the below QR code to connect to the digital version of this AAP. The digital AAP is clickable, with members able to link directly to Congruent to see Resolutions, their backgrounds and their progress.

As the local government sector’s peak organisation, we are committed to continuous improvement and to working with our members to build stronger, more resilient local communities through focused and determined advocacy.

Should you wish to discuss any of the AAP points contained within this document, or have any further feedback, **please contact:**

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Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities with **BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE**

+ On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The **Federal Government** to:

- ▶ Restore Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1 per cent of Federal Tax Revenue. **Resolution 5**
- ▶ Permanently fund the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program at \$500 million per year. **Resolution 9**
- ▶ Implement the recommendations of the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review. **Resolution 12**

The **State Government** to:

- ▶ Restore Works for Queensland funding to \$100 million per year. **Resolution 6**
- ▶ Increase funding to the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, which has not had an increase since 2015, to manage the escalating costs of critical road projects. **Resolution 10**
- ▶ Fund the job-generating South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program at \$50 million a year for the next four years. **Resolution 11**

- ▶ Provide additional funding for pre-project planning, feasibility and design opportunities to restock shovel-ready projects. **Resolution 26**
- ▶ Develop and invest in core trunk infrastructure to assist with growth in housing in regional Queensland. **Resolution 39**
- ▶ Help regions become more resource independent through efficient use and re-use of wastewater by updating wastewater re-use and recycling markets and technologies. **Resolution 42**
- ▶ Ensure the adequate maintenance of targeted roads within National Park boundaries. **Resolution 61**
- ▶ Give councils right of first refusal for infrastructure projects in their regions. **Resolution 72**
- ▶ Provide additional resourcing to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to improve the administration of the Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative (ROSI). **Resolution 93**
- ▶ Develop a financial support program that responds to the social, demographic and economic challenges of Queensland communities on a 'needs basis', rather than a purely geographic basis that excludes some communities based on their location. **Resolution 104**
- ▶ Review infrastructure funding for local government and commit to investing a further \$500 million per annum for at least four years to support critical renewal and augmentation of water, sewerage, drainage and road assets. **Resolution 115**

- ▶ Ensure Regional Infrastructure Plans are developed in close consultation with local government, aligned with the relevant statutory regional plans and are recognised by all State agencies as the key driver for State infrastructure delivery in each region. **Resolution 116**
- ▶ Review the current cap placed on infrastructure charges to allow councils to secure greater developer contributions to fund the cost of infrastructure associated with private development. **Resolution 117**
- ▶ Reintroduce the Regional Recycling Transport Assistance Package (RRTAP) until viable local markets for secondary materials are developed. **Resolution 120**
- ▶ Increase Road Maintenance Performance Contracts funding annually to cover the significant number of unfunded defects that exist on the State-controlled network, to at least in line with inflation in real terms. **Resolution 125**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Consult with local government and conduct economic impact assessments to identify new bulk water sources that provide reliable and long-term water supply for industry and population growth in regional areas. **Resolution 43**
- ▶ Update the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (Qld) and *Heavy Vehicle National Law Regulation 2014* to ensure fees collected for access permits by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator include a component that is reimbursed to the Local Government Road Manager. **Resolution 60**

- ▶ Assist local government to diversify its service delivery to support financial sustainability by either working in partnership with local government or delegating additional responsibilities to local government. **Resolution 66**
- ▶ Provide grant funding support for budgeted regional projects that are under contract/commenced and impacted by increasing costs. **Resolution 71**
- ▶ Ensure there is meaningful engagement with the community regarding Mobile Black Spot Program projects. **Resolution 81**
- ▶ Consult with local governments and water authorities regarding changes to environmental legislation that impacts sewerage assets, and provide funding to assist councils meet evolving environmental legislation to protect the environment. **Resolution 90**
- ▶ Make the required legislative changes to recognise assets of community benefit (such as parks, gardens, playgrounds, sports facilities, fire trails and fire breaks and the rabbit-proof fence) as essential public assets, making them eligible for disaster recovery funding. **Resolution 108**
- ▶ Ensure long-term investment in operational and capital funding for water and sewerage networks to ensure water security by reintroducing an ongoing and dedicated subsidy program for maintenance of ageing water and sewerage infrastructure. **Resolution 118**
- ▶ Increase funding for connectivity in regional areas, in particular regions covering widespread agricultural land. **Resolution 135**

“A drain, a road or a water treatment plant may not be the most glamorous bit of kit councils deliver, but we know that **better infrastructure makes more liveable communities, not just because of what they do, but because of the jobs they create too.”**

Mayor Matt Burnett,
Gladstone Regional Council



Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS

+ On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The State Government to:

- ▶ Support Queensland councils wanting to undertake housing projects in their local government area by providing resourcing to work with councils to prepare business plans, and establishing an investment program to support local governments to construct new homes. **Resolution 31**
- ▶ Reform the eligibility criteria for the Queensland Housing Finance Loan to support Queenslanders in regional, remote and First Nations communities who can afford to buy or build a home but cannot get private finance from a bank or building society. **Resolution 33**
- ▶ Conduct a holistic review of all State property assets for their potential for short to medium term housing outcomes and work with councils to identify new opportunities for State Government housing investment across local government in Queensland. **Resolution 34**

- ▶ Review the *Planning Act 2016* and the *Planning Regulation 2017* to allow local governments to include prohibited development categories in a local planning instrument (such as a planning scheme). **Resolution 37**



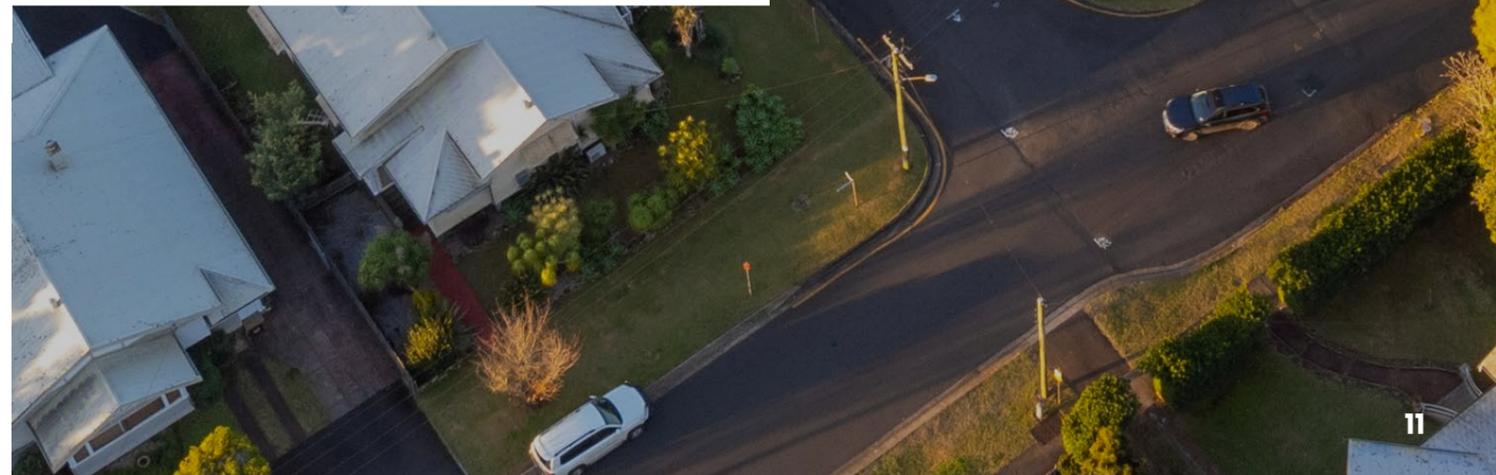
Both governments to:

- ▶ Support the Local Government Housing Action Advocacy Plan. **Resolution 14**
- ▶ Fund support for regional and local housing studies, plans and strategies. **Resolution 32**

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“Housing affordability could be the greatest challenge of our time, and it’s not just a Moreton Bay or a Queensland issue, this is a national crisis.”

**Mayor Peter Flannery,
Moreton Bay Regional Council**





Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE



On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The State Government to:

- ▶ Introduce changes to legislation to allow councils to choose to prevent slab-on-ground development in areas where sufficiently detailed mapping exists to define areas as having a high flood risk. **Resolution 40**
- ▶ Include in the Queensland Government's Regional Resilience Strategies the need for greater housing resilience strategies to mitigate the impact of future potential rainfall and flooding disaster events, and establish a new Resilient Homes Fund to include regional communities that have experienced extraordinary levels of rainfall and flooding. **Resolution 41**
- ▶ Work collaboratively with the local government, property and finance sectors to implement policy and legislative measures to enable councils to offer Environmental Upgrade Agreements to owners of commercial and residential properties throughout Queensland. **Resolution 49**

- ▶ Provide additional funding for the implementation of Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategies and coordinate statewide investment in: LiDAR capture, installation and monitoring of additional wave buoys, and coastal monitoring. **Resolution 121**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Change existing planning and building legislation and plan-making processes to remove barriers to the achievement of locally responsive and sustainable design. **Resolution 36**
- ▶ Implement the Australian Building Codes Board's recommended updated energy provisions in the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 for new homes. **Resolution 38**
- ▶ Provide local governments with resourcing to support communities in planning for transition to a lower carbon future, both on a local government area and regional basis. **Resolution 50**
- ▶ Directly support Queensland local governments' transition to net zero emissions through the provision of targeted operational and capital grants programs that address local emissions reduction priorities. **Resolution 51**



"With more people than ever flocking to our state, it's vital that all levels of government work together to plan for its sustainable growth. Collaboration is key to our ongoing resilience."

Mayor Peter Scott,
Cook Shire Council



Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

DEVELOPING LOCAL WORKFORCES

On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Make councils eligible to be categorised as Fringe Benefits Tax-rateable (FBT) employers, to provide local government employees access to the FBT rebate concessions. **Resolution 68**
- ▶ Increase the Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA) for students who must leave home to complete compulsory education to more accurately reflect the cost of accessing a boarding school. **Resolution 105**
- ▶ Further expand its support for the Regional University Centres program to strengthen and expand the program, ensuring Centres can be established in key areas where there are fundamental needs. **Resolution 134**

The State Government to:

- ▶ Increase funding to programs ensuring that apprentices and trainees are an integral part of local government workforces. **Resolution 130**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Work with the LGAQ and other peak bodies to investigate solutions to existing workforce challenges associated with developing, attracting and retaining a skilled water industry workforce in Queensland, building on the work undertaken under the Queensland Water Skills Partnership. **Resolution 44**
- ▶ Increase funding for each Commonwealth-supported university place in areas where tertiary participation is below the national average, and provide affordable and safe accommodation for regional university students. **Resolution 76**
- ▶ Provide fiscal, physical and mental support to assist apprentices, particularly rural and remote, to successfully complete their apprenticeship in a location of their choosing. **Resolution 102**
- ▶ Develop a strategy, including actions and incentives, to grow a qualified health workforce in regional Australia in order to improve primary health outcomes. **Resolution 129**
- ▶ Create incentives to attract and train qualified childcare staff to work in regional and remote areas in Australia, acknowledging the unique challenges these areas face in the provision of childcare services. **Resolution 131**



“The work of council is too important to leave to chance. That’s why we need to grow our workforce from within our community, to ensure we have the great jobs and great services that our communities deserve, and that are delivered by locals.”

Mayor Andrew Martin,
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities with BEST PRACTICE INTEGRITY & GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS

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On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Disclose the 2021 Financial Assistance Grants Funding Methodology. **Resolution 16**
- ▶ Restore the funding for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme to assist councils with the legal costs of native title claims. **Resolution 28**
- ▶ Provide population and growth census results early to councils to ensure the most up-to-date information is used in planning and budgeting. **Resolution 65**
- ▶ Assist with water security by classifying water services as 'essential users' under the *Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984*. **Resolution 89**

The State Government to:

- ▶ Retain the current voting system for local government elections, respecting the views of Queenslanders, Queensland councils and the recommendations of the State-commissioned report into local government elections. **Resolution 7**

- ▶ Introduce a transfer duty exemption for local government when it purchases property/land, aligned with the exemptions available to the State Government, pursuant to sections 141 and 145 of the *Duties Act 2001* (Qld). **Resolution 15**
- ▶ Ensure alignment of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010* (Qld), *Defamation Act 2005* (Qld), *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (Qld) and *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to ensure councillors are protected against claims when responding in good faith to requests from integrity agencies to participate in councillor conduct complaints investigations. **Resolution 19**
- ▶ Allow National Parks to become rateable entities, should commercial activities with an aim to make a profit be undertaken by any group/individual associated with park management. **Resolution 21**
- ▶ Consider removing the new proposed ratios in the Financial Sustainability Framework for those councils that undertake an annual Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) credit review. **Resolution 22**
- ▶ Work with the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) to review and refine the way the auditing standard is applied – particularly the materiality threshold used by the QAO to determine significant deficiencies relating to delays in recognition of contributed assets. **Resolution 24**

- ▶ Partner with the Queensland Department of Local Government and Local Government Managers Australia to provide resources to identify and list policies that councils are required to have in place to achieve legislative compliance, with a view to potentially developing 'model policies' that could be adopted and/or form a base for councils to work from in the development of these statutory/core policies. **Resolution 25**
- ▶ Cease cost and responsibility shifting to local government of service delivery that is traditionally the responsibility of the State Government. **Resolution 63**
- ▶ Ensure the Queensland Grants Commission advises councils of grant allocations determined for local government for each of the next three years, by the end of March each year, to allow for confirmation in council budgeting for the upcoming financial years. **Resolution 64**
- ▶ Create the position of Queensland Cross Border Commissioner to provide an enhanced mechanism for Queensland councils and communities to address cross border issues associated with Queensland's three State and Territory borders. **Resolution 67**
- ▶ Legislate change to provide local governments with the ability to implement a visitor levy. **Resolution 77**
- ▶ Direct the Local Government Remuneration Commission to review the current remuneration structure, to provide for a permanent mechanism that allows for additional remuneration payments to councillors who are acting into the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor during periods of prolonged vacancy or absence. **Resolution 82**
- ▶ Review the *Land Valuation Act 2010* and remove the ability to amalgamate non-contiguous parcels of land. **Resolution 83**

- ▶ Urgently amend the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the *City of Brisbane Regulation 2012* to increase the lower threshold of a large-sized contractual arrangement to recognise the inflationary effects since the commencement of the regulations. **Resolution 84**
- ▶ Amend the *Planning Regulation 2017* in consultation with local government to clarify the meaning of 'rooming accommodation' by including a new administrative definition of the broad term 'limited facilities'. **Resolution 85**
- ▶ Amend *Planning Regulation 2017* to include a new land use category and provide a suitable definition for 'Carbon Farming'. **Resolution 87**
- ▶ Rectify a drafting inconsistency within the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Qld) to ensure that it is lawful for an authorised person of a local government to enter property and undertake remedial action to protect their infrastructure. **Resolution 88**
- ▶ Continue the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils (Q CRC) program and its initiatives for three years with increased funding. **Resolution 91**

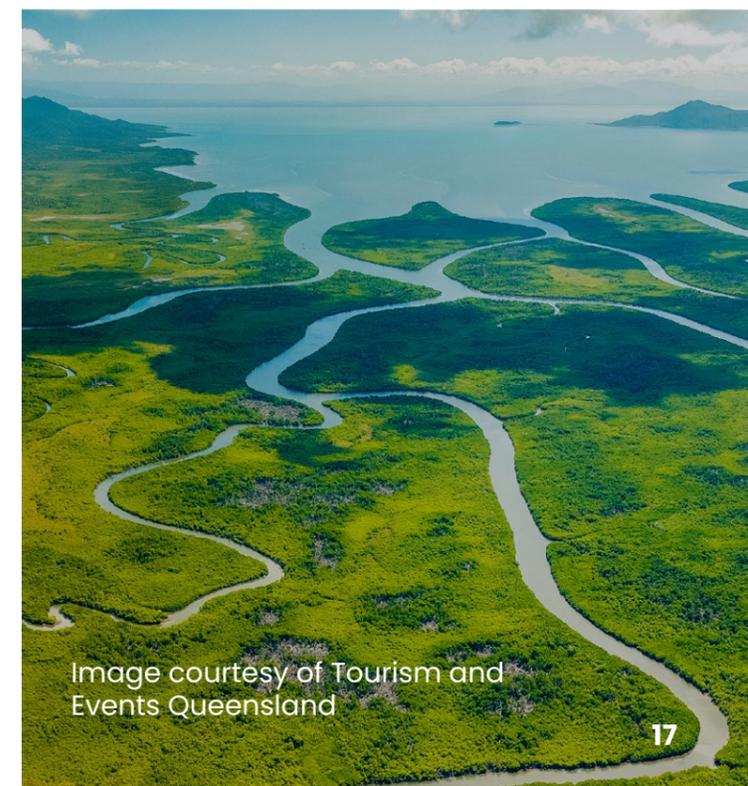
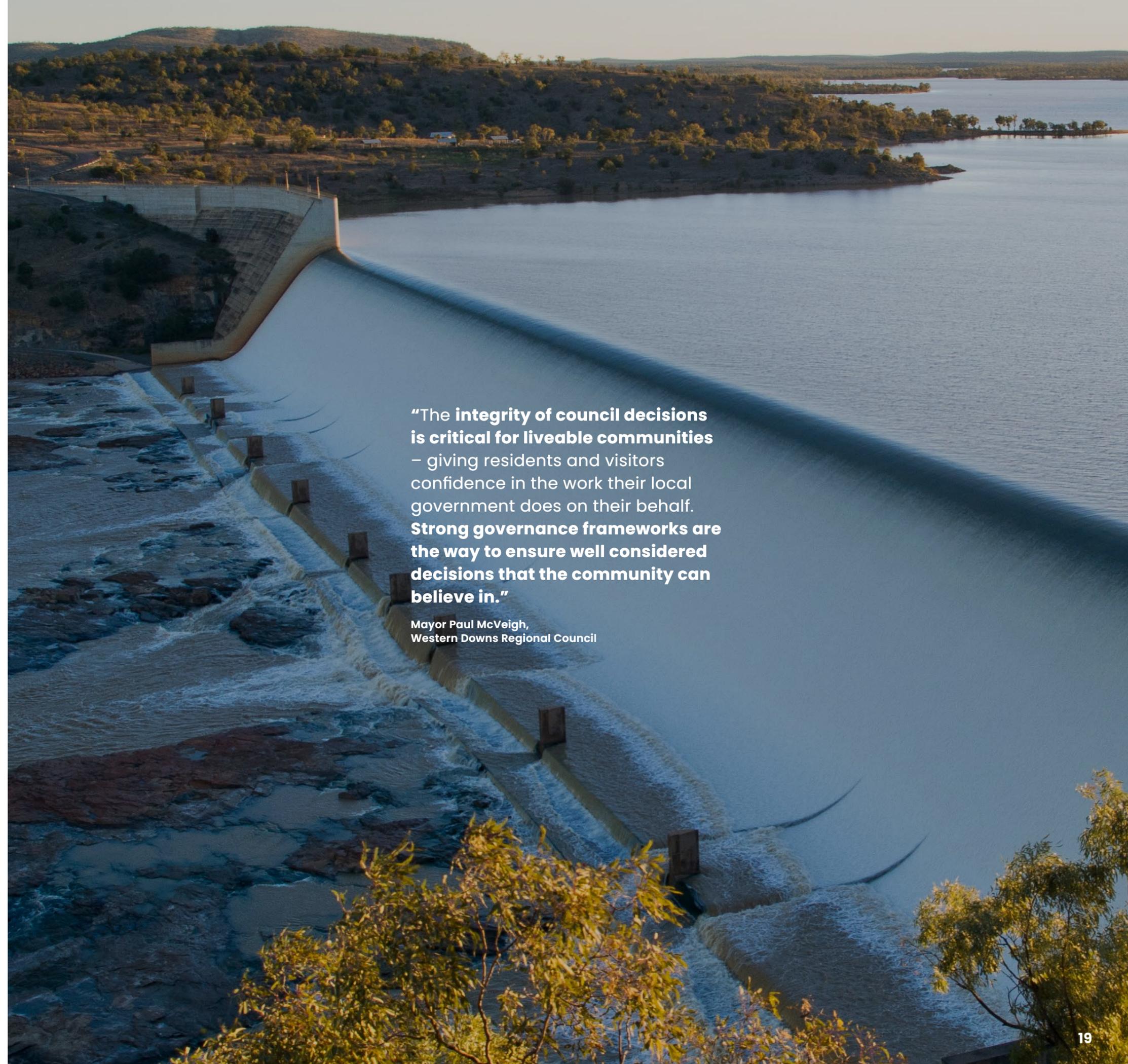


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- ▶ Amend the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* to allow local governments to regulate an off-street regulated parking area without the need to identify the location within a local law. **Resolution 92**
- ▶ Increase transparency regarding the funding (both direct and in-kind) of major events. **Resolution 97**
- ▶ Provide more certainty for councils and ratepayers by amending the *Land Valuation Act 2010* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to change the period of backdating of valuations to cap the period at three years and not three valuation periods. **Resolution 110**
- ▶ Amend the *Land Valuation Act 2010*, the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to reduce the maximum number of years between valuations of land for local governments to three years. **Resolution 111**
- ▶ Make the required legislative changes in order for the Valuer-General to bring forward the deadline for the release of land valuation notices to no later than the end of December in any valuation cycle. **Resolution 112**
- ▶ Commit to directly resolving the long-standing body corporate debt and sale of land issue, and require the Community Titles Legislation Working Group to give urgent and high priority to addressing the issue of debt recovery recommendations. **Resolution 113**
- ▶ Ensure any changes to the referral timeframes for the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) are at each council's discretion, rather than legislatively mandated. **Resolution 127**
- ▶ Increase and annually index the Emergency Management Levy administration fee payable to local governments. **Resolution 137**



“The integrity of council decisions is critical for liveable communities – giving residents and visitors confidence in the work their local government does on their behalf. Strong governance frameworks are the way to ensure well considered decisions that the community can believe in.”

**Mayor Paul McVeigh,
Western Downs Regional Council**

Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by

EMPOWERING FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

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On behalf of our members, the LGAQ wishes to make clear our support for the **Uluru Statement from the Heart, an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and the Makarrata Truth Telling Commission.**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Engage with the LGAQ, Indigenous leaders and organisations to develop communication materials to support an informed vote at the proposed referendum. **Resolution 29**



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“Queensland’s First Nations communities are a crucial part of Queensland’s cultural, social and economic fabric. These communities must be supported to ensure they continue to grow and thrive.”

Mayor Wayne Butcher,
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities with

IMPROVED SAFETY & WELLBEING

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On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Commit to sustainable provision of Aged Care and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services in remote and regional communities by supporting and encouraging innovation, and committing to underwrite services that are not viable in the new ‘fee for service’ model for aged care home support.

Resolution 99

The State Government to:

- ▶ Establish comprehensive and full statutory immunity/indemnity for local governments in Queensland’s legislative framework, in consultation with councils, relating to natural hazards and climate change decisions and actions made in ‘good faith’, and review the current minimum insurance requirements prescribed under section 214 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to ensure these are contemporary and fit-for-purpose.

Resolution 13

- ▶ Develop and implement a Queensland Jellyfish Stinger Management Plan.

Resolution 55

- ▶ Clarify the regulation of e-scooters regarding approved use, speed limits and enforcement provisions to ensure safety and greater uniformity across the state.

Resolution 59 – ALREADY ACHIEVED.

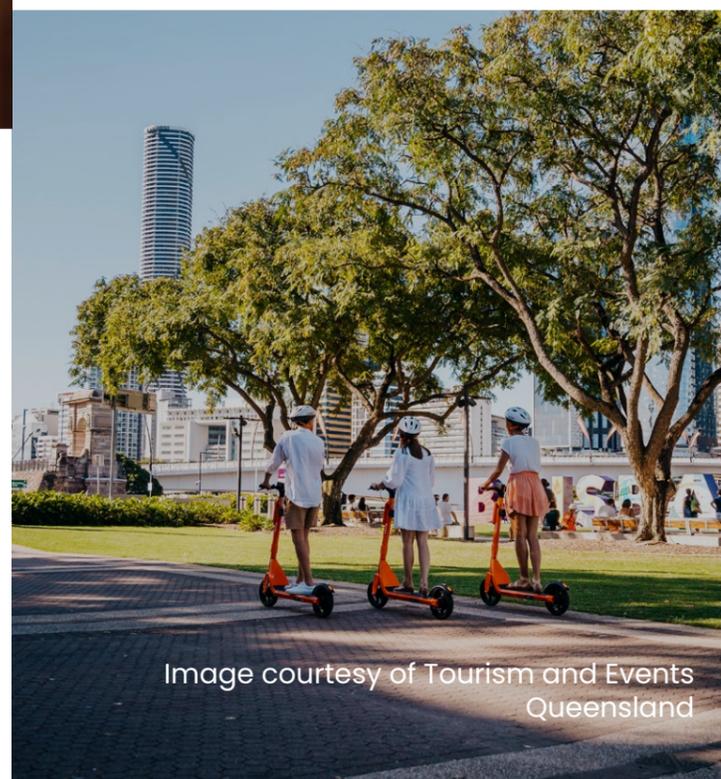


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- ▶ Review planning and other instruments for their suitability to incorporate public health implications as a consideration for local government when determining a planning application. **Resolution 69**
- ▶ Undertake a full review of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* and the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, together with their interaction with the *Planning Act 2016*, to achieve a more effective regulatory framework for the breeding and sale of cats and dogs. **Resolution 70**
- ▶ Establish a fund, equivalent to Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), to enable the delivery of coaching and sporting opportunities in communities. **Resolution 79**
- ▶ Introduce diversionary facilities on more remote State-owned properties across Queensland, where young people who have started falling foul of the law can be sent to gain both social and vocational skills to pursue employment opportunities, rather than be sent to youth detention facilities. **Resolution 80**
- ▶ Introduce mandatory disclosure of flood and other natural hazard risk information in all property transactions. **Resolution 86**
- ▶ Provide financial assistance to local governments to implement appropriate signage on shared paths and bicycle paths. **Resolution 94**

- ▶ Amend section 13 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* to allow the application of the exemptions in the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, including allowing acts that are reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of people at a place of work (s108), acts done in compliance with legislation (s106) and genuine occupational requirements. **Resolution 101**
- ▶ Change the legislative and policy environment to return to the common-sense arrangements whereby suitably experienced (but not necessarily qualified) traffic controllers could affect road closures for community events in areas deemed low risk by local authorities. **Resolution 107**
- ▶ Release the State Government-commissioned 2019 State Emergency Service (SES) review report. **Resolution 109** – ALREADY ACHIEVED
- ▶ Fund the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to enable it to install, maintain and operate CCTV Systems in communities that wish to have them. **Resolution 128**
- ▶ Undertake a full review of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to provide stronger, contemporary regulation and, in discussion with councils, give local government additional enforcement provisions within their jurisdictions. **Resolution 132**

- ▶ Review the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992* (Qld) and the Youth Justice Framework to address the lack of support and compensation for victims of juvenile crime, limitations in police powers, level of supervision for offenders under restraint or community release, and consistency in the interpretation of the legislation by magistrates dealing with young offenders. **Resolution 133**
- ▶ Advocate for more funding to be directed to community support services in all local government areas that have high levels of need for assistance, and support to those who are experiencing or have lived experience of domestic and family violence. **Resolution 136**

Both governments to:

- ▶ Develop and resource an expert Security Operations Centre (SOC) for local government authorities as a shared services concept to improve cyber security management. **Resolution 27**
- ▶ Provide detailed information on the services that are funded in each local government authority on an annual basis. **Resolution 96**



- ▶ Release to the LGAQ, its members and the SES, the 2021 independent review of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services capability and funding model, respond to the recommendations in the review, assume ownership and responsibility for all operational and capital expenses of SES assets on and from 1 July 2022 and provide certainty in relation to the governance arrangements for the SES. **Resolution 138**

“A liveable community is a safe and welcoming one, where people have the greatest opportunity to live good lives and contribute. **Local governments take their responsibility for their communities’ wellbeing very seriously, which is why we’re always striving for better.**”

Mayor Jane McNamara,
Flinders Shire Council



Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by MANAGING NEW ENERGY & RESOURCE PROJECTS

Ensuring the liveability of Queensland communities by PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

+ On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:



Both governments to:

- ▶ Establish a Regional Transformation Authority with statutory powers inclusive of local governments to respond to changing supply and demand for fossil fuels, and develop regional plans and coordinate a sustainable transformation and diversification of the resources sectors. **Resolution 73**

The State Government to:

- ▶ Adequately resource State Regulators of Major Resource and Renewable Projects to enable both upfront education and assessment processes, and understanding of social impacts, vital for achieving optimal outcomes for industry and communities. **Resolution 74**
- ▶ Establish a contemporary framework for resource, renewables and clean energy sectors. **Resolution 75**
- ▶ Introduce legislation and policy which requires proponents of renewable projects to make a 'local benefit' contribution to regional communities. **Resolution 78**
- ▶ Establish a sovereign wealth fund to provide long-term support for regions to transition to a net zero carbon economy. **Resolution 106**

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“Queensland’s resource councils know very well that maintaining and enhancing the liveability of our communities relies on managing the transition away from fossil fuels. **We want to make sure any plans for this transition bring our communities along with us, and don’t leave anyone behind as we grow the new energy economy.**”

Mayor Anne Baker,
Isaac Regional Council

+ On behalf of our members, the LGAQ is asking:

The Federal Government to:

- ▶ Prepare a National Action Plan to coordinate the control of the European Rabbit. **Resolution 57**

The State Government to:

- ▶ Provide sufficient funds through the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) to each council to invest in renewable energy technologies that would see them become net producers of energy by 2035. **Resolution 23**
- ▶ Commit to full public and auditable transparency on the 70 per cent hypothecation of revenue raised by the State waste levy. **Resolution 45**
- ▶ Streamline the process for accessing State land to remove and clean up illegal dumping and fund the cost of this removal. **Resolution 46**
- ▶ Amend relevant legislation under the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2019* to enable local government to recover costs involved in the management of illegal dumping offences. **Resolution 47**

- ▶ Commit to a non-competitive funding program for local governments to facilitate harmonisation of kerbside bin collection services. **Resolution 48**
- ▶ Develop an ongoing biosecurity management plan for invasive plant and animal species located within State-controlled rivers, creeks and waterways. **Resolution 53**
- ▶ Include the Federal Government as a member on the Koala Advisory Committee so that funding and management activities are consolidated towards delivering the vision of the South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020-2025. **Resolution 54**
- ▶ Undertake a review of the requirements for in-stream structures and fish passages under the *Fisheries Act 1994* for ephemeral streams and intermittent streams and a complete review and updating of the Queensland waterways spatial data layer. **Resolution 56**
- ▶ Amend the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to include the option to mandate de-sexing and containment of cats in Queensland and provide financial assistance to councils to meet the legislative changes. **Resolution 103**

- ▶ Elevate the conservation status of the Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*) from 'Special Least Concern' to 'Near Threatened'.

Resolution 58

- ▶ Commit to a roadmap and non-competitive funding program for local governments to implement actions from Regional Waste Plans.

Resolution 119

- ▶ Establish coordinated, integrated and streamlined processes to facilitate the rapid assessment and approval for restoration works in waterways following natural disasters.

Resolution 122



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“All levels of government have a critical role to play in ensuring Queensland’s natural assets are protected and can be enjoyed by today’s generation and by generations to come.”

Mayor Jenny Hill,
Townsville City Council

Both governments to:

- ▶ Fund local government to deliver priority action in the Reef 2050 Plan and accelerate the reduction of impacts from land-based activities including road sediment run-off and nutrient enrichment of groundwater and subsoils. **Resolution 123**
- ▶ Provide long-term funding to deliver the National Feral Pig Action Plan 2021–2031 and update economic modelling to better manage invasive species. **Resolution 124**
- ▶ Fund and implement appropriate effluent disposal and washdown facilities to support our agricultural sector in regional areas to mitigate increasing biosecurity risks.

Resolution 126



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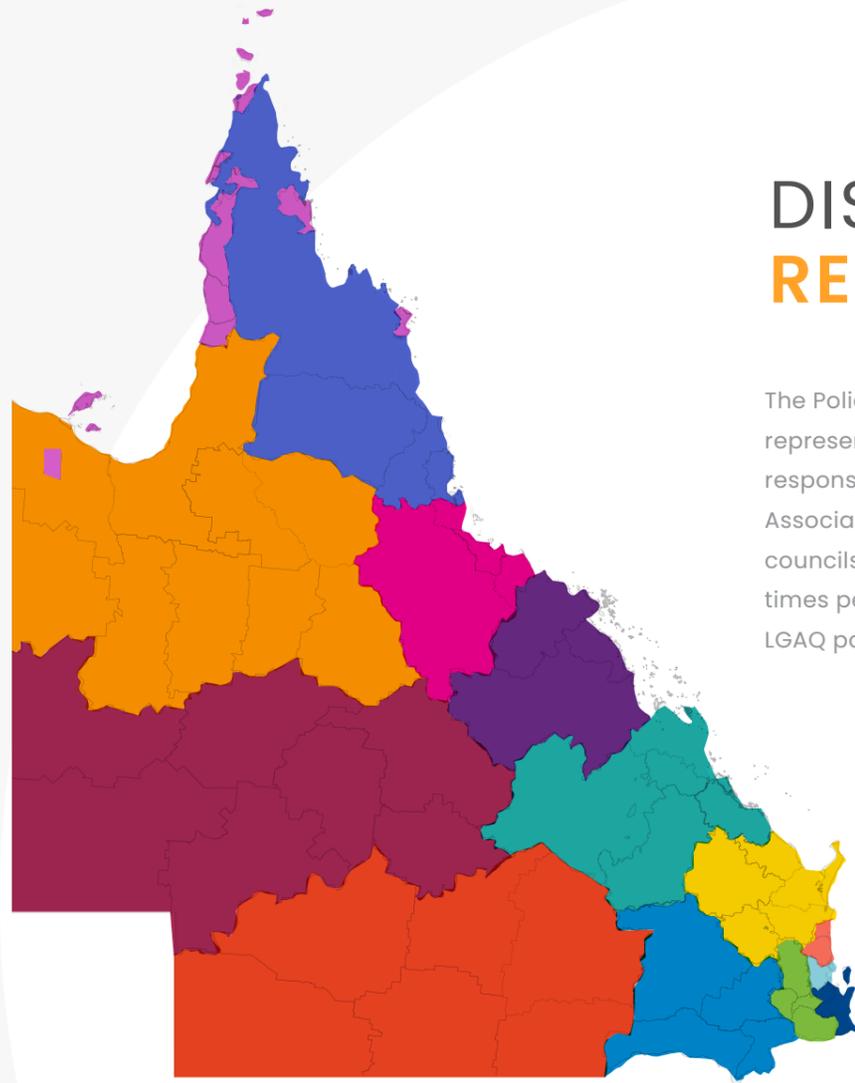


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DISTRICT REGIONS

The Policy Executive consists of 15 district representatives and the President, and is responsible for the determination of the Association's policy on behalf of member councils. The Policy Executive meets six times per year to discuss and determine LGAQ policy.

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