PROCEEDINGS

of the

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND
INC

105th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Gala Welcoming Dinner

Monday 3 September 2001

and the

Official Opening Ceremony

Tuesday 4 September 2001

held

At Townsville Convention and Entertainment Centre
Townsville
WELCOME ADDRESS

An official address of welcome was delivered by Joanne Ellis on behalf of Mrs Godva Stout of the Bindal Elders Group and Mr Bernie Johnston on behalf of Chris George from the Wulgurukaba Aboriginal Corporation, an Elder of the Kombumerri Nation, and Mr Tony Mooney, Mayor of Townsville City Council.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Mr Greg Hallam, Executive Director, Local Government Association of Queensland Inc was then called upon to give a brief address on the background of the Certificates of Service, and requested His Excellency, Major General Peter Arnison AC, Governor of Queensland, with the assistance of the President, Cr Noel Playford OAM, to present certificates of service to the following recipients.

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A special presentation was made to Cr Peter BLACK, Dalrymple Shire Council for his 40 years of service to Local Government.
AGENDA ITEMS

FIRST DAY

PROCEEDINGS

of the

105th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

held at

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre
TOWNSVILLE

Commencing at 8.45am
Tuesday 4 September 2001

Introduction of the LGAQ Executive

CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR NOEL PLAYFORD (President)

OFFICIAL OPENING

Senator, the Hon Ian Macdonald, Federal Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, addressed the assembled delegates, observers, distinguished guests and partners, and officially opened the 105th Annual Conference of the Association.

Click here to view The Senator’s opening address.
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

At 9.15am the Chairman declared this particular session of Conference open and extended a welcome to all present. The President then presented his ANNUAL ADDRESS, which appears on pages 45 - 50 of these Proceedings.

The MOTIONS of RECEPTION and ADOPTION of the PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL ADDRESS appear on page 7 of these Proceedings.

Address
The Hon Steve Bredhauer MLA, Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads presented his address “Main Roads and Transport Update”

The Minister’s address appears on pages 147 to 157 of these Proceedings.

Address
Panel Session:
“Structure and Delivery of Government – Federal vs State vs Local”

The Panel Session appears on pages 159 to 175 of these Proceedings

Tuesday Lunch sponsored by TELSTRA

Address
“State Government Update”
The Hon Nita Cunningham MLA, Minister for Local Government and Planning.

The Minister’s address appears on pages 177 to 186 of these Proceedings

Keynote Address
Professor Robert J Putnam, John F Kennedy Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University.

Professor Putnam’s address appears on pages 187 to 204 of these Proceedings

Address
Cr John Ross, President, Australian Local Government Association
“ALGA Update”

Cr Ross’s address appears on pages 205 to 208 of these Proceedings.
“A” Motions

ASSOCIATION MATTERS

NO. 1
RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL ADDRESS
Moved: Cr Bell (Emerald) Seconded: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa)

“That the President’s Annual Address from 2000-2001 be received.”

ADOPTION OF PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL ADDRESS

In accordance with the usual practice for the President’s Annual Address to remain before Conference during proceedings, further consideration of this matter took place on Thursday 6 September 2001 (see page ?? of these Proceedings).

Moved: Cr Bell (Emerald) Seconded: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa)

“That the President’s Annual Address from 2000-2001 be adopted”.

CARRIED

NO. 1A
RECEPTION OF THE 105th ANNUAL REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE
Moved: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa) Seconded: Cr Bell (Emerald)

“That the Annual Report of the Executive for 2000-2001 be received.”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE 105th ANNUAL REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE

In accordance with the usual practice for the Annual Report of the Executive to remain before Conference during proceedings, further consideration of this matter took place on Thursday 6 September 2001.

Moved: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa) Seconded: Cr Brunker (Bowen)


CARRIED
NO. 2  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDITOR’S REPORT
Moved: Cr Bennison (Brisbane)  Seconded: Cr Bell (Emerald)

“That the Statement of Receipts and Payments, and the Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2001, as audited, be received.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Bennison (Brisbane)  Seconded: Cr Baildon (Gold Coast)

“That the Statement of Receipts and Payments, and the Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2001, as audited, be adopted.”

CARRIED

NO. 3  
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
Moved: Cr Bennison (Brisbane)  Seconded: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa)

“That retiring Auditors, Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, being eligible, and offering themselves for re-appointment, be re-appointed as the Association’s Auditors for 2000-2001.”

AMENDMENT: With the approval of conference, the words “that subject to the LGAQ being successful in obtaining an exemption under section 74 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act”, be placed prior to the Motion.

On putting the AMENDED MOTION it was CARRIED

NO. 4  
EXECUTIVE ELECTORAL DISTRICT ARRANGEMENTS
Moved: Cr Boyd (Mackay)  Cr Demartini (Whitsunday)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. implement option 2 of the proposal for grouping of Councils under the Local Government Association of Queensland’s voting and grouping system.”

AMENDMENT
That Option 2 be changed to Option 3.

AMENDMENT DISALLOWED by the Chairman as Association Rules, as well as legal advice from the Association’s solicitors, states that a motion cannot be changed when that change substantially alters the original motion.

Cr Alroe (Toowoomba) asks if an amendment can be made to include Option 3. The Chairman disallows the request on the above grounds.

On putting the ORIGINAL MOTION, it was LOST
With respect to Motion 4, the Chairman made an offer to conference that should a Member Council wish to contact him to assist in a process to get Councils to meet who might be directly affected by some of the proposed changes, he would undertake to get those Councils together to work through these issues to see whether common ground can be reached in terms of something that is acceptable to all Member Councils.

FINANCE AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL

RELATIONS SECTION

NO. 5 EXECUTIVE/ULGA
CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Moved: Cr Nugent (Ipswich) Seconded: Cr Taylor (Jondaryan)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland

1. Reaffirm Local Government's opposition to the omission of section 56 of the Constitution Act 1867 because it diminishes the level of recognition which the State Government places on the system of Local Government in Queensland, and

2. Urge all Councils to contact the Department of Premier and Cabinet expressing their disappointment that the State Government has felt is necessary to omit section 56(2) of the Constitution Act 1867, which clearly states that a referendum should be required on any proposal to abolish the system of Local Government.”

That the Motion be WITHDRAWN

CARRIED

MOTION 6 WB/SBLGA
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS – STATE GST REVENUE “TOP-UP”
Moved: Cr Lehmann (Kingaroy) Seconded: Cr Brown (Maryborough)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc negotiate with the State Government a share of GST Revenue with a view to “topping up” Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to equate to a fixed percentage of GST revenue.”

CARRIED

NO. 7 CQLGA/MOUNT MORGAN
RATE ARREARS – POWER TO SELL PROPERTY AFTER TWO YEARS
Moved: Cr Smith (Livingstone) Seconded: Cr Dorey (Livingstone)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc., make appropriate representations to amend s1039 of the Local Government Act so as to apply if an overdue rate has remained unpaid for 2 years.”

CARRIED
NO 8
DISCOUNT ON RATES – EXTENDED TO SELF-FUNDED RETIREES
THURINGOWA
Moved: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa) Seconded: Cr Hewitt (Thuringowa)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland prepare a submission to State and Federal Governments seeking:

(a) to bring to their attention the inequity of providing discounts only to pensioners and not to self-funded retirees; and
(b) requesting that Governments develop the necessary policies and strategies to enable equal consideration of all retired persons

so that the inequity in rate remission and other pensioner discounts and allowances is addressed and to further encourage others to self-fund their retirement.”

LOST

NO. 9
RATES - DIFFERENTIAL DISCOUNTING
BRISBANE
Moved: Cr Bennison (Brisbane) Seconded: Cr Brunker (Bowen)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. support amendments to the City of Brisbane Act and Local Government Act to enable local governments to offer different discounts for prompt payment depending on method of payment and or differential general rating category.”

CARRIED

NO. 10
RATING OF TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIERS
TOOWOOMBA
Moved: Cr Elroe (Toowoomba) Seconded: Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)

“That the Local Government Act 1993 be amended so as to enable local governments to levy rates on telecommunication carriers on the basis of their occupation of roads and other land pursuant to the carriers’ statutory provisions in that regard under the Telecommunications Act 1967.”

CARRIED

NO. 11
VALUATION OF LAND – INCREASE IN VALUE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY THRESHOLD
SWQLGA/BUNGIL
Moved: Cr Loughnan (Bungil) Seconded: Cr Garland (Bungil)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. lobby the government to have the definition of ‘farming’ contained within Section 17 of the Valuation of Land Act 1994 amended so that the average gross annual return is increased from $5,000 to $20,000 before property owners can claim the concessional valuation.”

CARRIED
NO. 12 EXECUTIVE/DOUGLAS
BLACKSPOT PROGRAM – CONTINUATION AND INCREASED FUNDING
Moved: Cr Berwick (Douglas) Seconded: Cr Dau (Douglas)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland endorse the ALGA National Roads Campaign objectives which seek from the Commonwealth Government the following:

1) A commitment to the Black Spot Program beyond 2001/02;

2) An increase in Black Spot funding from $40 million per annum to $100 million per annum in the next Program, consistent with the amount of eligible projects nominated by States and Territories each year; and

3) Greater flexibility in the criteria for nominating Black Spots for local roads. Examples include:
   a) Allowing projects greater than $500,000 to be considered, possibly with lower benefit-cost ratio requirements.
   b) Allowing a greater proportion of projects eligible under Road Safety Audit to be funded (i.e. beyond the 20% maximum), thereby promoting a more proactive approach to Black Spots.
   c) Allowing Black Spot nominations for sites located on National Highways and Roads of National Importance.

4) Financial support (estimated at $2M over three years) for and participation in the creation/assembly of comprehensive and integrated data on the condition of the nation's road network. This will enable informed decisions to be made on a required level of national road funding and prioritisation of construction and maintenance programs."

CARRIED

NO. 13 EXECUTIVE
ROAD FUNDING – CONTINUATION OF ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM
Moved: Cr Davidson (Tambo) Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland continue to pursue increased Federal Road funding focusing on the need for the continuation of the Roads to Recovery Program beyond the current four year period."

CARRIED

NO. 14 CLIFTON
ROAD FUNDING - ROADS TO RECOVERY IMPACT ON STATE FUNDING
Motion: Cr Collins (Clifton) Seconded: Cr O’Leary (Clifton)

“That assurances be sought from the Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads that the value of State roadworks undertaken by Local Governments under sole invitee status will not be reduced.”

CARRIED
NO. 15 EXECUTIVE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – SIMPLIFICATION OF EXTERNAL REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS
Moved: Cr Bennison (Brisbane)  Seconded: Cr Brent (Boonah)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. continue to advocate for the reduction of external financial reporting requirements from the mandatory seven statements to four statements in line with Australian Accounting Standards.”

That the Motion be WITHDRAWN

CARRIED

NO. 16 EXECUTIVE/DDLGA
ROADWORKS - TENDER EXEMPTION FOR MINOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED
PROJECTS
Moved: Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)  Seconded: Cr Davidson (Tambo)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. seek the added support of the State Government to lobby the Federal Government to incorporate a provision in the Australian Land Transport Development Act (ALTD) Notes of Administration to allow delivery of Federally-funded works on State-controlled roads in Queensland (National Highways and Roads of National Importance projects) to be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the policy for the “Delivery of Main Roads Works by Local Governments” to:

• recognise the special needs of those small rural and remote councils in Queensland which depend on Main Roads’ works for their continued viability, by eliminating the requirement for Main Roads to either call tenders on the open market or seek individual tender exemption approvals for roadworks of a type, scope and cost which councils have traditionally undertaken in areas where:
  - population size is < 20,000
  - average population density is < 10 persons/sq km calculated over the whole local government area; and

• allow Main Roads to determine the competitive pricing delivery method which will ensure best value in roadworks delivery for all Federally-funded roadworks up to $1 million through either:
  - open competition; or
  - its established negotiated price performance contracting arrangements, subject to Main Roads and Local Government Association of Queensland to jointly developing benchmarking processes to demonstrate that sensible tender exemptions continue to provide increased efficiency.”

CARRIED
NO. 17
TENDERING LIMITS – INCREASED TO REFLECT INFLATION
Moved: Cr Kirkpatrick (Townsville) Seconded: Cr Gleeson (Townsville)

That the purchasing and disposal limits in Part 3 of the Local Government Act 1993, be reviewed, to reinstate them to a value equivalent to the original intention of the Act, and

That a regular review process be put in place.

CARRIED

NO. 18
GOODS AND SERVICES TAX – REMOVAL FROM TRADED-IN COUNCIL VEHICLES
Moved: Cr Ashworth (Pine Rivers)  Seconded: Cr McConnell (Pine Rivers)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. make representations to the Federal Treasurer to remove the GST on vehicles when they are traded by Councils.”

CARRIED

NO. 19
FUEL SUBSIDY SCHEME
Moved: Cr Taylor (Jondaryan) Seconded: Cr Hockey (Monto)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. endorse the Executive position of seeking to rectify the inadequacies and inequity of the current fuel concession schemes for Local Government.”

CARRIED

NO. 20
URBAN FIRE LEVY – EXEMPTION ON VACANT LAND
Moved: Cr Abbott (Noosa) Seconded: Cr Bennison (Brisbane)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland continue its efforts to exempt Councils from having to pay the urban fire levy on vacant land and parks and gardens without structures and buildings.”

CARRIED
NO. 21  
**DALBY**  
**URBAN FIRE LEVY – COLLECTION FEE**  
Moved:  Cr Geisel (Dalby)  Seconded:  Cr Latemore (Dalby)

“That the Minister for Emergency Services be requested to review the administration fee paid to local government for collection and remittance of the urban fire levy, to reflect full cost pricing principles under NCP so that ratepayers don’t continue to subsidize the actual cost of the fee for service of Council acting as a collection agency for the state government”.

CARRIED

NO. 22  
**NQLGA/ETHERIDGE**  
**RURAL FIRE ACT – COMPENSATION FOR USE OF COUNCIL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**  
Moved:  Cr Smith (Etheridge)  Cr Brown (Etheridge)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland seek amendment to the Rural Fire Act to ensure that, where plant or equipment is requisitioned under the Act in any emergency for which the Queensland Fire Service is the primary agency that the owners of such equipment be guaranteed fair recompense for its use.”

AMENDMENT:
Moved:  Cr Berwick  (Douglas)  Seconded:  Cr Moyle (Johnstone)

That “Rural Fire Act” be changed to “Queensland Fire and Rescue Act”, and the words “Queensland Fire Service “be changed to “Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority and the words “by the Queensland Government” be added after “recompense for its use”.

On putting the AMENDED MOTION is was CARRIED

NO. 22A  
**EXECUTIVE**  
**NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION – NATIONAL MITIGATION FUND**  
Moved:  Cr Hervey (Beaudesert)  Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Federal Government to establish a national mitigation fund to assist Local Governments undertake mitigation works resulting from the development of Local Government disaster risk management plans.”

CARRIED

“C” and LATE MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD
Moved:  Cr Moyle (Johnstone)  Seconded:  Cr Sandman (Logan)

“That according to the Association Constitution and Rules, the following “C” Motions Nos. 100, 113, 117, 120 and Late Motion No. 2 be brought forward. All other “C”and Late Motions to be referred to the Executive for action”.

CARRIED
AGENDA ITEMS

Second Day

PROCEEDINGS

of the

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Commencing at 8.45am
Wednesday 4 September 2001

Workshops

From 8.45am to 12 noon, workshops in parallel sessions were held on the Wednesday on the following topics:

Youth – Creating Safe Spaces
Mr Phil Crane, Qld University of Technology

Environment – Putting E into development
Mr Evan Thomas, Gold Coast City Council
Back to Basics on Native Title  
Ms Marisa Menin, Brisbane City Council  
Mr Stephen Fynes-Clinton, King & Co, Solicitors

Social Entrepreneurism – Using Business to Achieve Social Change  
Professor Peter Botsman, Whitlam Institute

Natural Resource management – Piecing Together the Puzzle  
Mr Alan Morton, Morton Consulting Services Pty Ltd  
Ms Claudia Baldwin and Mr Michael Bradby, Dept. of Natural Resources & Mines  
Ms Peta Jamieson, LGAQ

LGAQ/MRD Roads Alliance – No. A  
Mr Neil Doyle, Dept of main Roads  
Mr Greg Hallam, LGAQ

LGAQ/MRD Roads Alliance – No. B  
Mr Don Muir, Dept of Main Roads  
Mr Greg Hoffman, LGAQ

Grantsmanship – How to Maximise your Grant Revenue  
Ms Miriam Martin, Miriam Martin Consulting

Prelude to a KISS – Keeping It Strategic and Simple – Financial Management  
Mr Ken Gouldthorp, Caboolture Shire Council  
Mr Chris Payne, Laidley Shire Council  
Mr Mike Stalley, Toowoomba City Council

Keep Australia Beautiful – Mainstream Programs and Place Beautification  
Mr Barton Green, Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Qld)

Infrastructure and Private Sector Partnerships  
Mr John McEvoy, Burns Bridge Transactions

Natural Disasters – Who is Responsible and Who Pays  
Mr Michael Kinnane, Mr Alan Brunner, Ms Sandy Vigar and Mr Wayne Ripper, Department of Emergency Services

Your Local Library – The Hottest Issues  
Ms Kathleen Swinbourne, UTS, Sydney

E-Government  
Mr Greg Lodder, Brisbane City Council and  
Mr Alistair Muir, Electronic Trading Concepts (ETC)

Wednesday Lunch sponsored by the Department of Public Works
NO. 23  
COMPOSITE MOTION  
COOLOOLA/IPSWICH/MARYBOROUGH/PINE RIVERS  
PUBLIC LIABILITY - LEGISLATION TO RESTORE THE NONFEASANCE IMMUNITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
Moved: Cr Venardos (Cooloola)  
Seconded: Cr Cantrell (Cooloola)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government seeking urgent introduction of legislation to provide Councils with a reasonable statutory defence to liability claims relating to roads and other public places.”  

CARRIED

NO. 24  
ULGA  
INSURANCE - COLLAPSE OF HIH INSURANCE  
Moved: Cr Mooney (Townsville)  
Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. lobby on behalf of Queensland local governments for inclusion in any rescue package to overcome liabilities arising from the collapse of HIH Insurance.”  

CARRIED

NO. 25  
BURDEKIN  
BY-ELECTION INSURANCE COVER  
Moved: Cr Woods (Burdekin)  
Seconded: Cr Henaway (Burdekin)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. support the introduction of by-election insurance cover to protect Queensland Local Governments for costs associated in conducting By-elections resulting from the death of a sitting Councillor. Such policy to be administered by LGM Liability Pool and that this new cover be in addition to Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Cover currently provided by for Queensland LGM for Local Governments.”  

LOST

NO. 26  
IPSWICH  
WATER REFORM – REGULATION TO PREVENT PRIVATE SECTOR CONTROL OF WATER MARKET.  
Moved: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)  
Seconded: Attwood (Ipswich)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to ensure that appropriate regulatory mechanisms are put in place to prevent the establishment of major private sector consortiums controlling the market access and price of water through large scale purchase of tradeable water entitlements.”  

CARRIED
NO. 27  
CQLGA/BANANA  
WATER REFORM – PROPOSED TRANSFER BY SUNWATER OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
Moved: Cr Churchill (Banana)  
Seconded: Cr Bienek (Banana)  

“That SunWater be required to continue all services and functions undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources as a Community Service Obligation to the communities at Queensland Government dam sites over which SunWater now has responsibility.”  

CARRIED

NO. 28  
ACC  
COMMUNITY SERVICES (ABORIGINES) ACT – SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL COORDINATING COUNCIL POSITION  
Moved: Cr Peter Yeatman (Yarrabah)  
Seconded: Cr Stephen (Torres)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland -  

- Record its support for the ACC’s submission to State Government; and the wishes of the many thousands of community residents throughout Queensland which the ACC represents, for extensive amendments to the Community Services (Aborigines) Act; and  
- Entreats the Queensland Government to expeditiously accept and implement the various proposals for Legislative change contained in the submission.”  

CARRIED

NO. 29  
HERVEY BAY  
QTC LOANS – LOAN TERMS TO BE INCREASED  
Moved: Cr Sorensen (Hervey Bay)  
Seconded: Cr Kruger (Hervey Bay)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc request Queensland Treasury to amend its Local Government Borrowing Guidelines to allow the terms of Council loans to be extended to reflect the economic life of the asset.”  

CARRIED

NO. 30  
LOGAN  
GAMING MACHINE REVENUE – SHARED WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
Moved: Cr Collins (Logan)  
Seconded: Cr Sandmann (Logan)  

“That the Queensland Government be requested to consider a revenue sharing arrangement for a fixed share of income (say 25% of the government’s share) received from gaming machines within the Local Government area to be allocated to that Local Government for projects that provide a benefit to the community.”
AMENDMENT
Moved: Cr Irwin (Tiaro) Seconded: Cr Portess (Herberton)

That the word “Queensland” be added after “machines within”, and that the words “the Local Government area”, be deleted, and remove the word “that” after “allocated to”.

AMENDMENT DISALLOWED by the Chairman as it is substantively different from the original motion.

On putting the ORIGINAL MOTION, it was LOST

NO. 31 NQLGA/COOK
LAND RESERVED FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES – OPPOSITION TO FORCED PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD
Moved: Cr Rutherford (Cook) Seconded: Cr Chapman (Atherton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc call on the State Government to strenuously oppose any proposal to require a Local Government to purchase the freehold or reserves used (or reserved) for operational purposes.”

CARRIED

NO. 32 IPSWICH
STRAYING STOCK – REMOVAL OF PROTECTION FOR STOCK OWNER
Moved: Cr Nugent (Ipswich) Seconded: Cr Attwood (Ipswich)

“The Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government, through the Attorney General, to have the law amended to remove the protection afforded to the owners of stock that stray onto public roads.”

LOST

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

NO. 33 EXECUTIVE
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT – EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO COMPLETE PLANNING SCHEMES
Moved: Cr Abbot (Noosa) Seconded: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa)

“That the Minister for Local Government and Planning extend the deadline for completion of IPA Planning Scheme by one year to 30 March 2004.”

CARRIED
NO. 34 NOOSA/THURINGOWA
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT - CHANGES TO APPEAL PROVISIONS
Moved: Cr Abbot (Noosa) Seconded: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc call upon the State Government to amend the existing alternative despite resolution procedures within the Integrated Planning Act to achieve a more cost effective, less legalistic and more community aligned development assessment appeal process. This action is considered necessary because of the current costly processes involved in the resolution of development approval appeals through the Planning and Environment Court.”

CARRIED

NO. 35 LIVINGSTONE
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT - REGULATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT WORKS
Moved: Cr Ludwig (Livingstone) Seconded: Cr Smith (Livingstone)

“That fresh representation be made to the State Government in relation to its own development works, which are currently immune from the provisions of the Integrated Planning Act, with a view to having legislative changes made to require State instrumentalities to –

(a) Provide details of forward planning for the provision of infrastructure and services to local governments to assist them in their planning, and

(b) Be subject to the payment of infrastructure headworks/contributions in those instances where infrastructure will have significant community benefit beyond the local government area in which it is to be provided.”

CARRIED

NO. 36 LOGAN
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT – COMPLIANCE BY STATE GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS
Moved: Cr Collins (Logan) Seconded: Cr Sandmann (Logan)

“That the Queensland Government be requested to change the processes that apply to Project Services (Department of Public Works), to ensure that they are assessed in accordance with the IDAS provisions as they apply to private industry in relation to approval processes for housing projects and further that they be required to comply with the planning standards set by the relevant Local Government through its planning scheme.”

CARRIED
NO. 37
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT – UNACCEPTABLE USE OF MINISTERIAL COMMUNITY DESIGNATIONS
Moved: Cr Mooney (Townsville)  Seconded: Cr Nugent (Logan)

“That the Local Government Association Queensland Inc. make representations to the Department of Local Government and Planning requesting clarification and agreement on the broad intent and general practise of designation for community infrastructure arising from the unacceptable use of Ministerial Community Designations.

CARRIED

NO. 38
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
Moved: Cr Leishman (Caboolture)  Seconded: Cr Baildon (Gold Coast)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc approach the Environmental Protection Agency to become a Lead Agency for floodplain management control and develop guidelines or stronger legislation to enable Local Government to control matters of floodplain management, now difficult to control.”

AMENDMENT
Moved: Cr Maguire (Emerald)  Seconded: Cr Taylor (Jondaryan)

That the “Department of Natural Resources and Mines” replace “Environmental Protection Agency”.

On putting the AMENDMENT it was CARRIED
On putting the AMENDED MOTION it was CARRIED

NO. 39
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland work with the Department of State Development in the production of Best Practice Guidelines for Regional Economic Development, and /or Tourism.”

With the approval of conference, the motion was WITHDRAWN
NO. 40

ESSENTIAL SERVICES COORIDORS – LEGISLATION TO PROTECT AND SIMPLIFY NECESSARY APPROVALS

Moved: Cr Rutherford (Cook)  Seconded: Cr Smith (Etheridge)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. call on the State and Federal Governments to amend any and all legislation (Native Title, Heritage, Parks and Wildlife etc.) to acknowledge and guarantee essential service corridors (routes by which essential services such as power, water, telecommunications, roads, sewerage and drainage etc.) can be delivered to all Australians without stricture or impediment;

AND FURTHER, that the legislation establishes clearly, that the first application clears the way for any subsequent essential service requirement.”

CARRIED

NO. 41

LIVINGSTONE HERITAGE ACT 1992 – CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT AND LISTING PROCESSES

Moved: Cr Smith (Livingstone)  Seconded: Cr Ludwig (Livingstone)

“That the LGAQ seek to have the provisions of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 amended to provide for the assessment and listing processes to be undertaken expeditiously and in a manner which minimises adverse impact on landholders, and in addition, for appropriate compensation to be paid in circumstances where property is listed in the Register and injurious affection can be suitably substantiated.”

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION

NO. 42

EXECUTIVE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MODEL

Moved: Cr Taylor (Jondaryan)  Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland advise the Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, of Queensland Local Government’s support for the Regional Planning Advisory Committee model to achieve the necessary institutional/legislative approach for implementation of the National Action Plan for Salinity & Water Quality and future natural resource management issues. Further, that the State Government provide appropriate financial support to facilitate Council involvement and provide appropriate training and ongoing support."

CARRIED
NO. 43  
WASTE MANAGEMENT – IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE WASTE STRATEGY  
Moved: Cr Farmer (Brisbane)  
Seconded: Cr Atwood (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. call on the Minister for Environment to implement the State Waste Strategy and to resource that initiative at a level comparable to the other States of Australia.”

AMENDMENT  
Moved: Cr Baildon (Gold Coast)  
Seconded: Cr Mcdonald (Gold Coast)

The word “implement” be replaced by “expedite the review of” and the word “then” to be added after “Strategy and” and the words “and implement the State Waste Strategy resource” replace the words “that initiative”.

On putting the AMENDMENT it was CARRIED

On putting the AMENDED MOTION it was CARRIED

NO. 44  
WASTE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT AND GUIDELINES  
Moved: Cr Schwabe (Maroochy)  
Seconded: Cr Tatton (Maroochy)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc call on the State Government to include necessary changes to the Environment Protection Act to:

- provide market stability
- encourage best practice and innovation
- ensure environmental sustainability
- encourage cost-effective waste collection treatment and disposal
- recognise local government has a key stakeholder in the waste industry, and
- ensure meaningful waste reduction targets are adopted.”

With the approval of Mover and Seconder, the following dot-point was added: “Provide greater legislative weight to regional waste strategies”

CARRIED

NO. 45  
EXECUTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT - RECYCLING - FUNDING FOR QUEENSLAND RESOURCE EXCHANGE REGISTER  
Moved: Cr Harvey (Beaudesert)  
Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to provide funding for the operation of the Queensland Resource Exchange Register (RXR) for the next 2 years as a demonstration of its commitment to improving waste management in Queensland”.

CARRIED
NO. 46   EXECUTIVE
LAND PROTECTION LEGISLATION – URGENT INTRODUCTION OF NEW ACT

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Minister for Natural Resources & Mines to urgently finalise the introduction of the Land Protection Bill. Further, that the Minister be advised of Queensland Local Governments absolute resolve that all issues pertaining to land protection and management must be incorporated in a single piece of legislation."

With the approval of Conference, the motion was WITHDRAWN

NO. 47 EXECUTIVE/WINTON/WQLGA
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL – STATE GOVERNMENT’S FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY FUND
Mover: Cr Davidson (Tambo)  Seconded: Cr Harvey (Beaudesert)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. register a strong protest with the State Government over its continuing failure to adequately fund the control and eradication of declared pests, and further;

That the State Government give urgent consideration, as per the Association’s State Election Policy Plan, to providing $5 million for Land Protection Services within the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.”

CARRIED

NO. 48 SWQLGA
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL – SPECIAL FUNDING
Moved: Cr Edwards (Quilpie)  Seconded: Cr Watt (Quilpie)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland seek assistance for “special funding” for noxious weed control as the Natural Heritage Trust Funding does not include the control/eradication of weeds, stressing that follow up funding is essential for any chance of real control/eradication to be successful.”

CARRIED

NO. 49 EXECUTIVE
PRIVATE FORESTRY – STATE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND RESOURCES
Moved: Cr Harvey (Beaudesert)  Seconded: Cr Abbot (Noosa)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland calls upon the Hon Minister Palaszczuk, Minister for Primary Industries, and the Hon Minister Robertson, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, to urgently resume the development of the Queensland Forest Practices System to deliver the appropriate resourcing and support mechanisms for the Private Forestry Model Planning Framework.”

CARRIED
NO. 50
TREE CLEARING – EXTEND THE PERMIT PERIOD
Moved: Cr Gilmour (Murilla) Seconded: Cr Stallman (Murilla)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. lobby the State Government to increase the life of tree clearing permits under the new Vegetation Management Act to a minimum (5) five years, preferably (10) ten.”

CARRIED

NO. 51
WATER STORAGE POLLUTION – CALL FOR BAN ON FUEL ADDITIVE MTBE
Moved: Cr Baildon (Gold Coast) Seconded: Cr McDonald (Gold Coast)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State and Federal Governments to ban the fuel additive MTBE due to its potential to contaminate water storages, particularly those used for drinking water purposes.

CARRIED

NO. 52
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT LEVY
Moved: Cr Berwick (Douglas) Cr Abbot (Noosa)

“That Local Government is committed to the sustainable use of Australia’s natural resources.

That Local Government offers its tools in partnership for the delivery of sustainable NRM.

That Local Government supports the concept of delivering sustainable natural resource management through accredited regional plans with measurable targets and outcomes.

That Local Government be recognized as a primary co-ordinator in the formulation and implementation of regional NRM plans.

Local Government is opposed to the establishment of statutory catchment management structures.

That funding for the regional delivery of sustainable NRM be provided by a national environment levy along the lines proposed by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage raising $4,000 million per year.”

CARRIED
NO. 53

IPSWICH/COOLOOLA
FIRE ANTS – STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ERADICATE

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make urgent representations to both the State and Federal Governments to make available resources immediately to eliminate the Fire Ant infestation in the South East corner of Queensland before they become an economic and environmental disaster.”

With the approval of Conference, the motion was WITHDRAWN

NO. 54

GOLD COAST
DOG CONTROL - AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIERS

“That the Local Government Association Queensland call on Queensland Government to enact legislation providing for the control of Pit Bull Terrier and Pit Bull Terrier type dogs, and further

That the Local Government Association Queensland Inc. seeks the Queensland Government’s assurances that it will fully consult the Association and Queensland’s Local Governments should it commence the making of such legislation.”

With the approval of Conference, the Motion was WITHDRAWN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
SOCIAL PLANNING SECTION

NO. 55

EXECUTIVE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES – INCREASE IN STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Moved: Cr Tyrell (Thuringowa)  Seconded:  Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to increase its financial support to public libraries in Queensland by an extra $7.5 million per annum.”

CARRIED

NO. 56

NQLGA/FLINDERS
TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME – EXTENSION TO COUNCIL HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAMS
Moved: Cr McNamara (Flinders)  Seconded: Cr Sealy (Flinders)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby the State Minister for Transport to provide for an extension of the taxi voucher scheme (for people with disabilities) to Councils that operate Home and Community Care and/or community, buses. This scheme to apply to areas where no commercial taxis operates.”

CARRIED
NO. 57  
MULTI-UNIT ACCOMMODATION FOR LOW INCOME OLDER PEOPLE  
Moved: Cr Mooney (Townsville)  Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

“That Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Queensland Government to introduce legislation to protect the rights, and to set standards, in relation to multi-unit accommodation complexes targeting low income older people, and further; 

That the draft Residential Services Bill, addressing the rights of tenants in a range of accommodation types not currently covered by legislation, be made available to the Local Government Association of Queensland for its perusal and comment.”

CARRIED

NO. 58  
ART GALLERIES - FUNDING FOR OPERATIONALS COSTS  
Moved: Cr Finlay (Stanthorpe)  Seconded: Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to introduce a subsidy scheme that would assist Councils to meet the ongoing costs associated with operating art galleries.”

CARRIED

NO. 59  
ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT - PROTOCOL BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ARTS QUEENSLAND  
Moved: Cr Mooney (Townsville)  Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland establish a protocol between Arts Queensland (State Government) and Local Government for the purpose of facilitating the intergovernmental relationship and furthering arts and cultural development for all Queenslanders.”

CARRIED

HUMAN RESOURCES SECTION

NO. 60  
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRACTITIONERS  
Moved: Cr Smith (Boonah)  Seconded: Cr Lehmann (Esk)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland support and assist the facilitation of specific courses and programs for the training and development of local government practitioners in the system and laws of local government in Queensland.”

CARRIED
“B” Motions

FINANCE AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECTION

NO. 61

NQLGA

/JOHNSTONE/CQLGA/BAUHINIA

Cr Anich (Johnstone)

Moved: Cr Moyle (Johnstone)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (TIDS) – REVIEW OF CRITERIA, INCREASED CERTAINTY AND LEVEL OF FUNDING

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Premier and Minister for Transport and the Minister for Main Roads requesting:

(a) a review of the scheme guidelines to require that money allocated to Councils is to be utilized within 18 months of allocation (unless extended as a result of natural disasters such as floods delaying works schedules) failing which these funds are to be reallocated to other Councils seeking TIDS funding;

(b) an increase in the level of funds provided for TIDS to cover increase demands for improved road infrastructure;

(c) a relaxation in the level of the design requirements for TIDS funded projects by Department of Main Roads;

(d) Certainty of funding over more than two (2) years.

CARRIED

NO. 62

CQLGA/FITZROY

ROAD FUNDING – ERECTION OF SIGNS BY FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS

Moved: Cr McCamley (Fitzroy)

Seconded: Cr Boyd (Mackay)

“That representations be made to the Federal and State Governments requesting that the requirement to erect signs advising that particular roadworks/improvements have been funded by either Federal or State Governments be dispensed with due to the cost and unsightliness of the proliferation of these signs.”

LOST
NO. 63

CABOOLTURE
HEADWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS - SEWERAGE AND WATER HEADWORKS ON INDUSTRIAL LAND
Moved: Cr Leishman (Caboolture) Seconded: Cr Chippendale (Caboolture)

“That Local Government Association of Queensland approach the Ministers for Local Government and Planning; Natural Resources and Mines; and State Development to establish a firm commitment and protocol to ensure that Local Government sewerage and water headworks charges are paid by the State to the Local Government prior to freeholding the land.”

CARRIED

NO. 64

SWQLGA
RATES AND CHARGES – RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS
Moved: Cr Winks (Balonne) Seconded: Cr Buchan (Balonne)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government for a change to the Uniform Civil Practice rules to enable Local Governments to serve Minor Debt Claims and Claims by Prepaid Post.”

CARRIED

NO. 65

WHITSUNDAY
SPEED MANAGEMENT – INTRODUCTION OF 50 KM/H SPEED LIMITS IN ALL URBAN AREAS
Moved: Cr Demartini (Whitsunday) Seconded: Cr McLennan (Whitsunday)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of Councils seek the implementation of a 50 kilometre per hour speed limit in all urban areas.”

With the approval of Mover and Seconder, the word “limit” was changed to “zones”

LOST

Address
Dr Ross Walker, Cardiologist, addressed the Conference on the subject, “If I Eat Another Carrot I’ll Go Crazy.

Dr Walker’s Address appears on pages 209 to 223 of these Proceedings
Third Day

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CONSIDERATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Chairman, Cr Noel Playford OAM (President), asked for debate on the Executive Report and President’s Annual Address.

(Motions for the adoption of the Executive Report and the President’s Annual Address appear on page 6 of these Proceedings).

Address:

The Chairman introduced Senator Sue Mackay, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, and invited her to address the conference on the subject “Federal Opposition Update”.

Senator Mackay’s address appears on pages 225 to 236 of these Proceedings
NO. 66  
STATE GOVERNMENT PROJECT REPORTING – WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT REPORTING POLICY  
Moved:  Cr Chapman (Atherton)  
Seconded:  Cr Daly (Atherton)  
"That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to develop a whole of Government Policy on the maximum reporting requirements that a State Government Funding Agency will impose on a Local Government with a view to achieving a reasonable level of accountability reporting."  
CARRIED  

NO. 67  
BOAT FACILITIES - MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF BOAT RAMPS AND HARBOUR FACILITIES  
Moved:  Cr Hefferan (Hervey Bay)  
Seconded:  Cr Brunker (Hervey Bay)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland express its concern to the Minister for Transport regarding continued reduction in funding for the maintenance and construction of the State’s boat ramps and harbour facilities”.  
CARRIED  

NO. 68  
REVENUE SHARING - BOAT AND TRAILER REGISTRATIONS SHARED BETWEEN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
Moved:  Cr Wood (Burdekin)  
Seconded:  Cr Hanaway (Burdekin)  
"That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to review procedures and methodology for distribution of revenue from boat and trailer registrations to ensure a more equitable share of revenue is distributed to Local Government areas for the provision of improved boating and fishing facilities.”  
CARRIED  

NO. 69  
FIXED FOUR YEAR PARLIAMENTARY TERM  
Moved:  Cr Freeleagus (Belyando)  
Seconded:  Cr Langford (Belyando)  
“That the Queensland State Government be requested to undertake a referendum on a FIXED four year parliamentary term.”  
CARRIED
NO. 70  
CARDWELL 
BY-ELECTION COSTS – PAID BY RESIGNING STATE AND FEDERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
Moved: Cr Burn (Cardwell)  
Cr Godbehere (Cardwell)

"That the State and Federal Government be asked to legislate to require retiring politicians to pay for the cost of by-elections where the recently elected candidate retires immediately after being elected".

CARRIED

NO. 71 
NQLGA/NEBO 
RAIL SERVICES - GUARANTEE OF SERVICES TO SMALL BEEF INDUSTRY AREAS
Moved: Cr Oakes (Nebo)  
Seconded: Cr Mohammed (Nebo)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland request the State Government to ensure that Queensland Rail services to small saleyards such as Mareeba, Miowera, Sarina, Nebo, Charters Towers and Springsure, are not downgraded and that Queensland Rail fulfil its commitment not to reduce livestock services to the Beef Industry and fast-track and expand its program to build new rolling stock to adequately provide for industry demand."

CARRIED

NO. 72 
SWQLGA 
RAIL SERVICES – CONTINUATION OF RAIL SUBSIDIES TO RURAL REMOTE COMMUNITIES
Moved: Cr Tonkin (Paroo)  
Seconded: Cr Palmer (Paroo)

“That the Local Government Association call on the Transport Minister to ensure that Qld Rail continues to subsidised branchline services to rural remote communities particularly where cost recovery would mean substantial reduction to the frequency and level of service.”

CARRIED

NO. 73 
NQLGA/BURDEKIN 
WORLD TRADE PRACTICES AND WORLD TRADE AGREEMENTS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION
Moved: Cr Wood (Burdekin)  
Seconded: Cr Hannaway (Burdekin)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland, as the representative voice of Queensland Local Governments, express its opposition in the strongest possible terms to the Federal Government for its support of World Trade Practices and World Trade Agreements, particularly with countries such as Indonesia as it is a myth that these Agreements represent free trade between Nations due to practices followed by some countries in dumping surplus produce (and in the case of Indonesia, pineapples), on to Australia's domestic market with substantial financial impact on local growers."

CARRIED
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

NO. 74  IPSWICH
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT 1997 (IPA) - PROVISION FOR THE MAKING OF INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES PLANS
Moved: Cr Attwood (Ipswich)  Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make urgent representations to the Department of Local Government and Planning to amend the Integrated Planning Act 1997 (IPA) so that the Act includes provision for the making of Infrastructure Charges Plans (ICP’s) for social infrastructure, including both land and capital ‘embellishment’ components.”

CARRIED

NO. 75  BRISBANE
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT - INCONSISTENCIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT LICENSING AND APPROVAL PROCESSES
Moved: Cr Farmer (Brisbane)  Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)
“That Local Government Association of Queensland negotiate with Dept of Local Government and Planning, and the EPA to resolve Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) licensing and approval inconsistencies created by the integrated development assessment system.”

CARRIED

NO. 76  GOLD COAST
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT – AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE UNDERGROUNDING OF POWER MAINS
Moved: Cr Baildon (Gold Coast)  Seconded: Cr Mcdonald (Gold Coast)
“That the State Government be requested, whilst conducting its current review of the Integrated Planning Act 1997, that serious consideration be given to what powers could be provided to a Local Government in order to direct or provide for the undergrounding of electricity power mains, including high voltage mains, within existing built up areas of the Local Government.”

CARRIED
NO. 77  
TOOWOOMBA
BUILDING APPROVAL - DOCUMENT LODGEMENT FEES AND PRIVATE CERTIFIERS
Moved:  Cr Alroe (Toowoomba)  Seconded:  Cr Patch (Crows Nest)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Minister for Local Government to investigate the practice of any private certifiers attempting to lodge building approval documents with fees less than prescribed by local governments and take any action which is necessary and further.

That the Minister be requested to give consideration to amending either Section 5.3.5(6) of the Integrated Planning Act or Section 26(l) of the Standard Building Regulations to clarify that the fee charged by the local government is required to be paid for the lodgment of documents.”

CARRIED

NO. 78  
NQLGA/CLONCURRY
DEVELOPMENTS - INVESTIGATION OF IMPACTS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Moved:  Cr Douglas (Cloncurry)  Seconded:  Cr Smith (Cloncurry)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland and the Department of Communication & Information, Local Government & Planning & Sport commission a taskforce to investigate the impacts of major mining development in a Local Government area;

AND FURTHER such taskforce consist of representatives of Department of State Development, Department of Main Roads, Department of Mines & Energy, Environment Protection Authority, Local Government and the Local Government Association of Queensland,

With the approval of the Mover and Seconder, the words, “other interested stakeholders including representatives from the Mining Industry” be added after “Local Government Association of Queensland”.

CARRIED

NO. 79  
NQLGA/BURKE
NATIVE TITLE - ALTERNATIVE PROCESSES WHEN DEALING WITH NATIVE TITLE ISSUES
Moved:  Cr Clarke (Burke)  Seconded:  Cr McGlinchey (Boulia)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to investigate alternative processes for dealing with Native Title (including Indigenous Landuse Agreements) to facilitate community economic development.”

CARRIED
WHITSUNDAY

CYCLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS – PROVISION OF STATE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to provide funding for Local Governments with high growth rates to assist with the provision of footpath and cycleways.”

With the approval of Conference, the motion was WITHDRAWN

TOOWOOMBA

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - ILLEGAL PARKING OF TAXIS IN TAXI RANKS

Moved: Cr Alroe (Toowoomba)  Seconded: Cr Patch (Crows Nest)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representation to the Minister for Transport regarding concerns of the illegal parking of taxis in taxi ranks and whether changes could be made to the MUTCD and the Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Road Rules) Regulation, to regulate the number of taxis that may occupy taxi ranks at any one time.”

CARRIED

WINTON/WQLGA

ROADSIDE ADVERTISING - SIGNAGE BAYS

Moved: Cr Collins (Winton)  Seconded: Cr Paynter (Winton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government and Tourism Queensland to investigate the concept of a state-wide approach to the installation of signage bays rather than individual roadside advertising devices.

CARRIED

MAROOCHY

TELSTRA - RATIONALISATION OF COUNTRY CALL CENTRES

Moved: Cr Schwabe (Maroochy)  Seconded: Cr Tatton (Maroochy)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Telecommunications supporting the view that Telstra has a social obligation to regional Australia and that, being a 51% owner, the Federal Government has a commitment to ensure that decisions made by Telstra to rationalise their call centre operations do not adversely impact on regional Australia.”

CARRIED
NO. 84
RURAL EMERGENCY SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATION  
Moved: Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)  
Seconded: Cr Hartwig (Rosalie)  

“There that the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Minister for Police and Minister for Emergency Services to provide satellite telephones to all emergency service agencies where any part of the area covered does not receive mobile telephone coverage.”  
CARRIED

NO. 85
DOOR KNOCK APPEALS – MATERIAL LEFT IN LETTER BOXES  
Moved: Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)  
Seconded: Cr Patch (Crows Nest)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland seek amendment to the Collections Act 1966 requesting that where residents are absent from their dwelling, any pamphlets and/or materials left by door knock collectors be placed in the mailbox rather than attached to the front door of the dwelling.”  
CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION

NO. 86
NATIONAL PARKS - DEVELOPMENT OF FORMAL PROTOCOLS FOR CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
Moved: Cr Rutherford (Cook)  
Seconded: Cr Chapman (Atherton)  

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland to call on the State Government to develop formal protocols as a blue print for future consultation when conducting Statements of Significance and land use studies, excising areas of National Parks, arbitrary resumptions and road closures.”  
CARRIED
NO. 87
NATIONAL PARKS - ENTRY FEES
Moved: Cr Berwick (Douglas)  
Seconded: Cr Dau (Douglas)

“That the State Government implement a rate to be collected at the point of entry to all Queensland National Park facilities. This rate would be utilized for the ongoing maintenance of that particular facility from which it was acquired.”

AMENDMENT

With the approval of conference, the following words replace Motion 87 “That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby the State Government to endorse the principle of National Park entry fees, and engage local government in the debate of how it is raised and where it is spent”.

CARRIED

Address:

The Chairman introduced Mr Howard Hobbs, Shadow Minister for Local Government & Planning and invited him to present the “Opposition Update”.

Mr Hobb’s address appears on pages 237 to 242 of these Proceedings.

Nomination for venue for 2003
Cairns City Council

Moved: Cr Munn (Beaudesert)  
Seconded: Cr Nugent (Ipswich)

“That the 2003 Annual Conference be held in Cairns”.

CARRIED
NO. 88  NQLGA
LANDFILL REMEDIATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – REQUEST FOR
MODIFICATION TO GUIDELINES
Moved: Cr Chapman (Atherton)  Seconded: Cr Wood (Burdekin)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland, call on the State Government to extend the Landfill Redemption Assessment Program to cover landfill sites currently being operated by Local Governments.”

CARRIED

NO. 89  NQLGA/MAREEBA
GIANT RATS TAIL GRASS – DECLARED A PEST OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
Moved: Cr Borzi (Mareeba)  Seconded: Cr McGrath (Mareeba)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland take the appropriate steps to have Giant Rats Tail grass declared a weed of national significance; and seek support for subsidy from the State Government to help Local Governments contain the spread of Giant Rats Tail grass.”

AND FURTHER the State Government be requested to increase the amount of money allocated to weed control throughout the State.”

CARRIED

NO. 90  SWQLGA
AFRICAN LOVEGRASS/WEEPING LOVEGRASS - ADDED TO LIST OF DECLARED PLANTS

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Department of Natural Resources to have African Lovegrass/Weeping Lovegrass (Eragrostis Curvula) considered for inclusion on the list of declared plants for the State of Queensland.”

With the approval of conference, the motion was WITHDRAWN

NO. 91  NQLGA/BOWEN
AQUACULTURE INDUSTRIES – REVIEW OF REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call upon the State and Federal Governments to organise a summit to examine the excessive regulation placed on the Development of Land Based Aquaculture Industries and to formulate well developed and properly considered planning processes for assessment of aquaculture developments.”

With the approval of conference, the motion was WITHDRAWN
NO. 92

LABELLING OF PRODUCTS – GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD
Moved: Cr Portess (Herberton)  Seconded: Cr Robinson (Herberton)

"That the Local Government Association of Queensland be requested to make representations to the State Government requesting the urgent imposition of accurate labelling of genetically modified products on all packaged and fresh food."

CARRIED

NO. 93

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS – POWERS TO CONTROL THROUGH PLANNING SCHEMES OR LOCAL LAWS
Moved: Cr Moyle (Johnstone)  Seconded: Cr Anich (Johnstone)

“That Local Government Association of Queensland request the Minister for Local Government and Planning to produce guidelines for Local Governments that wish to control the production or use of genetically engineered organisms within their areas, through planning schemes or local laws as appropriate.”

AMENDMENT
Moved: Cr Darling (Caloundra)

That the words “to enable an informed debate and encourage formal participation by local governments who wish to be involved in decisions on the control and use of genetically engineered organisms” replace all text after “for Local Governments”.

As there was no seconder to the motion the AMENDED MOTION LAPSED

On putting the ORIGINAL MOTION it was LOST

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PLANNING SECTION

NO. 94

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS PROGRAM
Moved: Cr Smith (Boonah)  Seconded: Cr Munn (Boonah)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland introduce a Local Government Awareness Program to be implemented by local governments throughout Queensland to meet the need to inform and educate the community as to the role and function of local government in the system of government in Australia and as to the manner of operation of the local government system in Queensland.”

CARRIED
NO. 95
MARYBOROUGH
WHEELED RECREATION VEHICLES – LEGISLATIVE CONTROL BY QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
Moved: Cr Brown (Maryborough)  
Seconded: Cr Burt (Maryborough)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to ensure that there is appropriate legislation to effectively control wheeled recreational devices on footpaths by the Queensland Police Service.”

CARRIED

NO. 96
NQLGA/DOUGLAS
BANKING LICENCES – INCLUSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATION
Moved: Cr Moyle (Johnstone)  
Seconded: Cr Portess (Herberton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Federal Government to introduce legislation for banking licences to include a community service obligation to ensure that, where there is an existing banking presence, that presence will remain with full services.”

FIRST AMENDMENT
Moved: Cr Collins (Winton)  
Seconded: Cr Williams (Bauhinia)

That the words “where there is an existing banking presence, that presence will remain with full services,” be replaced by “all communities are provided with appropriate banking services.”

On putting the FIRST AMENDMENT it was CARRIED

SECOND AMENDMENT
Cr Portess (Herberton)  
Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)

That the word “appropriate” be replaced by “full”.

On putting the SECOND AMENDMENT it was LOST

With the approval of conference, the AMENDED MOTION be put

On putting the AMENDED MOTION it was CARRIED
NO. 100  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
Moved: Cr Goodale (Mirani)  
Seconded: Cr Comerford (Mackay)

“That the Federal Government be requested to review the principles utilised for the calculation of Financial Assistance Grant Funding giving increased significance on the need to provide adequate infrastructure (especially road networks) in areas where primary production (ie Farming, mining, forestry etc) generates significant income for the economy

FURTHER, that the Federal Minister for Local Government be requested to review the distribution of funds between states and the overall inadequacy of funds made available by the Commonwealth.”

AMENDMENT
Moved: Cr Vernardos (Cooloola)  
Seconded: Cr Morgan (Sarina)

That the following clause be added as a separate paragraph after the words “for the economy”:
“And further that the review of the grants methodology include the provision that as a minimum each year, grants to councils be not less than the previous years grant plus annual CPI increases”.

On putting the AMENDMENT it was CARRIED

On putting the AMENDED MOTION it was CARRIED

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

NO. 113  
MOBILE TELEPHONES - ACCESS TO MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Moved: Cr Strohfield (Rosalie)  
Seconded: Cr Taylor (Jondaryan)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland call on the Federal Government to adopt a policy which ensures that all Australians have adequate access to mobile telephone coverage.”

CARRIED
NO. 117
POLICE STOCK SQUAD – SIZE AND SENTENCING
Moved:  Cr Stiller (Taroom)  
Cr Rowen (Taroom)

“That the State Government be requested to increase the size of the Police Stock Squad and also to implement more realistic sentencing for offenders convicted of stealing stock.”

CARRIED

NO. 120
LACK OF RURAL DENTISTS
Moved:  Cr Freeleagus (Belyando)  
Seconded:  Cr Langford (Belyando)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc, in response to the lack of dentists in all areas of Queensland except the area bounded by the Gold Coast, North Coast and Toowoomba (including Brisbane) commonly referred to as the “golden triangle”, call on the Queensland State Government to consider the following options: -

1. To place conditional registration through the dental board on all new graduated allowing them to practice dentistry only outside the “golden triangle”. After a specific time frame these new graduates can return to the “golden triangle”. The time frame would be two years in most rural areas with one year in extremely remote areas.

2. To include a two year rural intern term into the dental degree, again with all positions to be outside the “golden triangle”. The Bachelor of Dental Science would not be given otherwise.

3. To provide new regulations from which no dental applicant can specialise in all dental specialties such as orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontic etc unless they have performed 12 to 18 months in rural dental practice.”

CARRIED

Late Motion NO. 2  
INTEGRATED PLANNING ACT – REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACING PUBLIC NOTICES ON LAND
Moved:  Cr Sandmann (Logan)  
Seconded:  Cr Munns (Beaudesert)

“That Section 11 - Requirements for placing public notices on land - of the Integrated Planning Regulation 1998 be amended to require a copy of plan of development to be included on the public notice to be placed on the land to be developed.”

CARRIED
LGAQ FORUM

Address
Mr Martin Stewart-Weeks, Principal, Albany Consulting Group
“Reinventing Society through Volunteers”

Mr Stewart-Weeks address appears on pages 243 to 257 of these Proceedings.

Address
Mr Derrick McManus, Senior Constable, SAPOL STAR Division in South Australia
“Prospering in Adversity”

Mr McManus’s address appears on pages 259 to 268 of these Proceedings

PLENARY

The Chairman invited Mr Bryan Ottone, CEO, Emerald Shire Council, to give the plenary address.

Mr Ottone’s address appears on pages 269 to 271 of these Proceedings

VOTE OF THANKS

Cr Noel Playford, President of the LGAQ, proposed a vote of thanks to the mayor of the host Council of the City of Townsville, Cr Tony Mooney, and his councillors and staff for the preparation and running of this conference.

Thanks were expressed to the major sponsors and the trade exhibitors on whom LGAQ relies heavily for their funding. Thanks were expressed to the management and staff of the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre.

Special thanks were given to the speakers, workshop presenters, audio and visual and electronic voting technicians, our friends from the media, and of course, our own LGAQ staff who have worked very hard in preparing this event.
A vote of thanks was expressed to the Ministers, the senior bureaucrats and others who have spoken at our conference, for their time, in terms of presentation time and also taking delegations.

A very special thanks was expressed to Mrs Bron Browning, PA to the President and Executive Director, who is the key person to the success of the conference. Bron was presented with a floral arrangement.

Cr Playford also expressed thanks to the delegates and observers for their attention, interest and good humour during the conference, and wished them a safe journey home.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**CLOSURE**

The Chairman then declared the 105th Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Queensland closed.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**VOTE OF CONFIDENCE**

Cr Pam Stallman thanked the Chairman for his guidance throughout the Conference, also thanking him for his compassion, sensitivity, firmness and his usual touch of humour. Cr Stallman made a small presentation to the Chairman on behalf of everyone at the Conference.