PEOPLE AND PLACES

30 August – 2 September 2010
Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre

This Conference is offset by Green Energy
Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd
114th Annual Conference

Host: Mackay Regional Council

LGAQ Annual Conference 2010
Motion Outcomes
Monday, 30 August 2010

8.00am to 6.00pm  Registration
Delegates, Observers and Partners
Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre
Alfred Street, Mackay

8.30am to 1.00pm  Executive Meeting

1.00pm - 1.30pm  Executive Lunch with LGMA (Qld) Board of Management

2.00pm – 3.30pm  Regional Road Group Assembly

3.30pm – 4.30pm  Professional Development for Queensland Local Government
Elected Members
Professor John Martin

4.00pm – 4.30pm  Annual Conference Briefing for first time conference attendees

4.00pm – 4.30pm  Trade and Sponsor Briefing

5.30pm – 7.00pm  Welcoming Ceremony
Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens
Dress: (This is an outdoor function - Smart Casual, flat shoes and a jacket - could be cool!)
Hosted by King & Company

5.30pm  Welcome to Country
Mr Gary Mooney
Yuibera People

5.35pm  Welcome to Mackay
Cr Col Meng
Mayor
Mackay Regional Council

5.45pm  Response
Cr Paul Bell AM
President
LGAQ

5.50pm  Sponsors Address
Mr Tim Fynes-Clinton
Managing Partner
King & Company

7.00pm  Program concludes - FREE EVENING
Tuesday, 31 August 2010

7.45am  Registration  
Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre  
Alfred Street, Mackay

8.15am  Call to Order by President

8.30am  Official Opening  
Hon Maxine McKew MP (invited)  
Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Local Government

9.00am  Presidential Address  
Cr Paul Bell AM  
President  
LGAQ

9.30am  Keynote Address: “Councils Creating Places for People”  
Mr Mark Doonar  
Director  
Tract Consultants

10.15am  Morning Tea

10.45am  Address: “Getting Community Engagement Right”  
Ms Anne Pattillo  
Consultant

11.15am  Debate

12.30pm  Address: “State Government Update”  
Hon Desley Boyle MP (invited)  
Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Partnerships

1.00pm  Lunch

2.00pm  Address: “A Population Policy for Queensland”  
Professor Lyndsay Neilson

2.30pm  Debate

3.15pm  Council Best Practice Show Case  
Logan City’s New Town Plan  
Brisbane City’s Food Premises Rating Plan  
SWQ Councils Joint Purchases

4.15pm  Adjournment

6.30pm for 7.00pm  Gala Dinner - Hosted by Hastings Deering  
(to be held in Tent, Civic Lawn) (Dress: Coat and tie)  
Long Service Certificate Presentations

11.30pm  Program concludes
Wednesday, 1 September 2010

8.25am  Conference Resumes - Housekeeping

8.30am  Address: “ALGA Update”
Cr Geoff Lake
President, ALGA

9.00am  Debate

11.00am  Address: “Opposition Update”
Mr Howard Hobbs MP
Shadow Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

11.30am  Address: “Remuneration Tribunal”
Mr Adrian Bloomfield
Chairman
Remuneration Tribunal

11.45am  Address: “You cannot be serious!”
Ms Kitty Flanagan
Stand Up Comedian and TV Writer/Performer

12.30pm  Lunch

1.30pm  Split Plenary
Waste Management - Zero waste can we afford it?
Urban Water Supply - How Do We Stay Afloat?

3.00pm  Afternoon Tea

3.30pm  Address: “Resource Development in Queensland and its Implications”
Mr Michael Roche
Director
Queensland Resource Council

4.00pm  Address: “Smart Cities”
Dr Hugh Bradlow
Chief Scientist
Telstra

4.30pm  Address: “People and Places”
Ms Robyn Archer AO
Iconic Australian Performer and Thinker on cultural matters

5.15pm  Adjournment

7.00pm  Dinner
Bluewater Quay (on the banks of the Pioneer River)
(Dress: Smart Casual - This is an outdoor function under cover, however bring a jacket as it could be cool!)

11.30pm  Program Concludes
Thursday, 2 September 2010

8.30am  Workshops
10.00am  Morning Tea
10.30am  Workshops Continued
12.00pm  Consideration of:
(a) Executive Report
(b) President’s Annual Address
(c) Hon Treasurer’s Report
12.30pm  Address: “One Unknown”
Gill Hicks, Severely and permanently injured in the
London bombings of 7th July 2005
1.15pm  Lunch

(Please note that the Tuesday and Wednesday evening functions are not included in Conference Fee)
Split Plenary Forum - Wednesday 1 September 2010

The split plenary forum provides a unique opportunity for delegates to express their opinions and debate amongst themselves on key issues. Delegates at conference learn more from talking amongst themselves rather than being “talked at” from the stage.

Delegates have a choice of attending one of the two forums listed below. Please make your suggestion when registering.

Zero Waste: Is it achievable and can we afford it?

Google “zero waste” and you will get almost 5 million results. It's a popular phrase and well used world wide. Wikipedia defines zero waste as “a philosophy that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused. Any waste sent to landfills is minimal”. But what does this really mean? How easy is it for us to achieve this miracle called "zero waste"?

In the past decade, local government and industry have moved forward with significant resource recovery programs - all aimed at best practice waste management to achieve positive environmental outcomes. We have not sat around waiting for State and Federal guidance.

What have the State and Federal Governments done? The State Government is currently working on a long-awaited Waste Strategy to replace its outdated 1996 version. The Federal Government has recently come into the game and released its first National Waste Policy.

Can we as local government achieve zero waste with or without other tiers of government? In today's consumerist society where we eat, live and play at a fast pace, can we reasonably expect that we can generate no waste? Can councils ever consider removing the waste service completely? Will there ever be a day where we don't need a landfill because all our by-products are recycled or reused?

What do we want as our legacy for future generations? Expensive technology to treat only parts of our waste streams? Three or more wheelie bins on our kerb every week or fortnight for collection? Landfills, be they good or bad? Let's debate what we can achieve and what we are ultimately prepared to pay for in our waste systems.

Urban Water Supply - How Do We Stay Afloat?

There is no doubt that Local Councils are facing increasingly tougher challenges managing the provision of safe, reliable and sustainable drinking water. With ageing infrastructure and asset base, difficulty in workforce recruitment, retention and upskilling and the ever increasing customer service provision requirements, questions are being asked whether local councils are in a position to re-invest adequate resources to allow them to maintain an effective water business??? Are councils in the best position to do this??? Or are councils living in a bygone era??
The Australian water industry has a tradition of Local Government involvement in water service provision. However, across Australia there is a strong move away from water services being provided directly within the Local Government structure. Most of the mainland states have completely separated water service provision from local government control, while Tasmania and South East Queensland have moved into a 'Local Government owned' corporate model. This reform of water service provision across Australia has left regional Queensland in a precarious position of being one of the last areas in the country where water and wastewater services are being provided by Local Councils.

A recent Department of Environment and Resource Management Drinking Water Scheme Assessment Program identified a number of supply and wastewater management risks, including the short-term focus of water service provision, informal practices and staff and skill shortages, reactive maintenance and ageing infrastructure. The question now is - Should Local Government remain in control of water service provision and can Local Government manage the risks???
### Workshops - Thursday 2 September 2010

Session 1 8.30am -10.00am  
Session 2 10.30am -12.00pm

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### Workshop Synopsis

#### Social media - the new world order!
How can councils engage communities better? This workshop will look at how social media sites, such as blogs, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and YouTube are redesigning the way people interact.

This session will also show examples of how councils from around Australia and the world are using social media to get their message out to their communities and will look at the different functions these social media have in engaging members of the public and facilitating communication and exchange of ideas.

#### Making the right decisions and keeping track of the dollars - financial management
What does “financial management” mean for councils? What are the best financial management strategies for councils to ensure their long-term sustainable and delivery of community expectations? What is the best way to manage these strategies effectively and efficiently? How does this link in with compliance to the legislation?

QTC will present this workshop to Councils and discuss the best methods for Councils to ensure they are “on the money”. This workshop will be focusing on ratios within the legislation.

#### Disaster Management - All the old ways are new again!
This year has been busy reinventing the disaster wheel! This year the vast majority of Queensland councils have had to deal with storms, floods, cyclones and other disaster threats. They have also faced changes in the post-disaster recovery administrative processes.

Yet councils remain the key to re-establishing communities & infrastructure following disasters and for leading the recovery of the local economy.

This session will focus on the new Disaster Management Arrangements, the new Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements and the new Disaster Resilience Program. With a much greater emphasis on the development of resilience and community capacity - the Disaster Management system is working to support councils to make our communities safer and more sustainable.

#### Don’t stop the music! - festivals and community capacity building
Pride, identity and sense of place are some of the key indicators of a healthy and sustainable community. Festivals play an important role connecting communities by bringing groups and individuals together through entertainment, involvement, experience and learning. Music alone can unite generations, bridge social gaps, and build cultural understanding.

This session demonstrates how councils can build and unite communities through festivals. Using the success of the Queensland Music Festival as a case study, the session will explore opportunities for developing community and business partnerships; engaging previously uninvolved community sectors; addressing equity and access; supporting and discovering local talent; and celebrating regional identity.
**Back Office Efficiency drives Customer Service**

Better community focus and improved customer service are key drivers for local government. Councils increasingly have to balance the demand for modernised customer service provision with revenues which remain under almost constant pressure. How do Council’s strike the correct balance? What new ways of working can we look at to better serve our communities?

Ipswich City Council has been working with Queensland Partnership Group (QPG), an LGAQ entity, in an Australian First partnering arrangement to discover how customer service can be improved across an entire organisation by looking at innovative ways of managing resources, using technology and sharing expertise. The results are impressive, with consistent improvements in service levels and a sharp focus on driving value for money serving as the core principles of the partnership.

This workshop will consider some of the customer service principles which drive the partnership in Ipswich and will enable leaders to determine how their own organisations could benefit from a fresh look at what it really means to deliver excellent customer service. This isn’t just about call centres and switchboards, it’s about culture, transforming business processes and looking beyond standard council practices.

**Quality of life = Economic + Social + Environment (What’s Local Government got to do with it?)**

What makes a community more livable? Councils are often in charge of the very important role of developing the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the whole community. To help build communities’ quality of life means that council needs to discover how the elements fit together to help create a community that is connected, inclusive, viable, creative, interesting, diverse, safe and affordable.

This session explores the potential role of local government in the development of a community’s general well being and overall quality of life.

**Working together - can collaboration really reduce the whole of government cost?**

This workshop will look at how collaborative working partnerships, and a better understanding of synergies for work planning, lead to an increase in efficiency and cost effectiveness for Councils across the State. There is enormous opportunity right now, for financial and technology gains, for councils who are proactive in forming fully collaborative partnerships with other levels of government and the private sector.

Communities will be looking to councils large and small to be a part of the overall game plan to deliver enhanced technological solutions to their communities improving the way they do business.

Townsville City Council has been working in close partnership with Ergon Energy who has developed technology enabling efficiencies in remote data for the scoping of works as well as NBN Co with the rollout of the national broadband network. Ergon have also been involved with Townsville in the cadastre update program, participating in economic analysis for the establishment of a precision GPS infrastructure, looking at opportunities for local government automation and process improvement, based on a remote monitoring program, as well as providing planning scheme information and participation in Economic Development Australia (EDA) to facilitate incremental and continuous management of capacity growth.

Townsville, Barcoo, Ergon, NBN Co and DERM representatives will be on hand to showcase what has been done and explain how cost benefits can be realised for local government by working in partnership with other levels of government as well as the private sector.
CONFERENCE MOTION OUTCOMES

NO. 1

EXECUTIVE

POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

MOVER: C B Abbot (Sunshine Coast) SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

“That the existing Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended with the following changes as drafted.”

CARRIED

MOTION AMENDMENT 1

1.2 LGAQ Role

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 1.2.1.1 State Voice be amended by the deletion of the words “statutory Association of” and insertion of the words “corporate entity representing”.

MOTION AMENDMENT 2

2.2.8 Coordination and Integration

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 2.2.8.1 Coordination and Integration be amended by the insertion of the words “including development of the Community Plan” to acknowledge the statutory obligation of developing a community plan introduced in the Local Government Act 2009, and the requirement to engage stakeholders including the State Government in its development, to read as follows:

2.2.8 Coordination and Integration

2.2.8.1 In undertaking local area planning, including development of the Community Plan, Local Government is responsible for linking the issues (physical, environmental, social, economic and cultural) and the activities of government both within Councils and beyond and developing a shared understanding and sense of direction.

MOTION AMENDMENT 3

2.2.12 Freedom of Information (now Right to Information/Information Privacy)

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 2.2.12.1 Freedom of Information be amended to acknowledge the change of underlying legislation for this matter from
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Freedom of Information Act 1992, to Right to Information Act 2009 and Information Privacy Act 2009, to read as follows:

2.2.12 Right to Information and Information Privacy

2.2.12.1 The Right to Information and Information Privacy legislation should permit Local Governments to recover from applicants the actual cost of processing applications for access to documents.

MOTION AMENDMENT 4

3.2.1 Valuation and Rating

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 3.2.1 Valuation and Rating be amended by inserting a new clause calling for the removal of rating concessions on undeveloped balance areas of subdivisions held by the developer, to read as follows:

3.2.1.5 The provisions of Section 25 of the Valuation of Land Act regarding the discounting of rateable valuation of undeveloped “balance area” of subdivisions held by the developer should be repealed.

MOTION AMENDMENT 5

3.4.1 Purchasing

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 3.4.1 Purchasing be amended by inserting a new clause calling for the initial increase of thresholds for calling of quotations or tenders from the current outdated and inefficient levels of $15,000 and $150,000, before entering into purchasing contracts, to read as follows:

3.4.1.3 Legislated thresholds for requiring quotations or tenders before entering into a purchasing contract should be increased from $15,000 and $150,000 respectively, to $30,000 and $300,000 for small councils and $50,000 and $500,000 for large councils. Further, the inclusion (or otherwise) of GST within the thresholds should be clarified.

3.4.1.4 Thresholds should be reviewed every 5 years in the light of increases in the LGAQ’s Council Cost Index to ensure they remain relevant to operational efficiency of Councils.

MOTION AMENDMENT 6

3.6.1 Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 3.6 Disaster Management be amended by deleting existing policy statement 3.6.1 Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements (NDRA) and inserting a new policy statement, to read as follows:

3.6.1 Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)
3.6.1.1 Arrangements for natural disaster relief and recovery funding should be amended to allow more flexibility in the use of that funding for the betterment of damaged assets where it is deemed necessary and appropriate. Funds for this upgrading of assets should be made available on the basis of equal shares of funding from Federal, State and Local Government.

MOTION AMENDMENT 7

3.6.2 Community Disaster Resilience and Disaster Mitigation

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 3.6 Disaster Management be amended by inserting a new policy statement on Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation to acknowledge local governments are the key players in the effective development of resilience and whose role should be supported, to read as follows:

3.6.2 Community Disaster Resilience and Disaster Mitigation

3.6.2.1 The Federal and State Governments should commit to continued funding of the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) as a fund to assist local governments to undertake community resilience building projects to reduce the impacts of identified natural disaster risks on communities.

3.6.2.2 The Federal and State Governments should commit to specific funding programs to enable local governments to undertake essential physical mitigation programs to further reduce the exposure of communities to the impacts of natural disasters and to ensure the protection of essential community infrastructure.

MOTION AMENDMENT 8

3.6 Disaster Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 3.6 Disaster Management be amended by renumbering Policy Statement 3.6.2 Fire Services as 3.6.3 and 3.6.3 Terrorism as 3.6.4, and renumbering all sub-clauses accordingly.

MOTION AMENDMENT 9

5.1.5 Energy

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.1.5 Energy be amended by the deletion of existing policy statement 5.1.5.7 and inserting a new Policy Statement 2.4.3 Sustainable Planning to read as follows:

2.4.3 Sustainable Planning
2.4.3.1 That Local Government supports the inclusion of triple-bottom-line considerations: financial, ecological and social targets in the development of council plans and annual reports where practicable.

MOTION AMENDMENT 10

5.1.6 Climate Change

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.1.6 Climate Change be amended by the deletion and replacement of policy statement 5.1.6.4 and the insertion of new policy statements 5.1.6.5, 5.1.6.6 and 5.1.6.7, reflecting the Commonwealth Government involvement, to read as follows:

5.1.6 Climate Change

5.1.6.4 Local Government requires appropriate policy and legislative frameworks from the Federal and State Governments to allow required decision making and responses to climate change without prejudice or undue risk exposure.

5.1.6.5 Local Government requires timely access to high quality, nationally consistent but locally appropriate data and methodologies from the Federal and State Governments to assist it in responding to climate change impacts.

5.1.6.6 Local Government requires timely access to high quality, nationally consistent but locally appropriate standards and codes from the Federal and State Governments to assist it in ensuring responses to climate change are safe, appropriate and equitable.

5.1.6.7 Local Government requires appropriate levels of funding and resourcing assistance to meet urgent climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements for the short and long term protection and benefit of communities.

MOTION AMENDMENT 11

5.2.1 Sustainable Natural Resource Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy 5.2.1 Sustainable Natural Resource Management be amended, to read as follows:

5.2.1 Sustainable Natural Resource Management

5.2.1.1 Local Government is committed to the sustainable use of Australia’s natural resources for the intergenerational benefit of the broader community.

5.2.1.2 Local Government seeks full and comprehensive consultation with and input to relevant Government agencies on proposals for the exploration and extraction of natural resources and associated activities that pose potential negative impacts to local communities.
5.2.1.3 Local Government seeks the facilitation of benefits in line with long term Community Plans to local communities impacted by the extraction and exploitation of natural resources and associated activities within their local government area.

MOTION AMENDMENT 12

5.2.2 Stock Route Network

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.5 Land Protection be amended by the relocation of policy 5.2.5.4 referring to the Stock Route Network to be inserted under a new heading 5.2.2 Stock Route Network, to read as follows:

5.2.2 Stock Route Network

5.2.2.1 Local Government supports an equitable partnership approach with the State Government in the development of a well maintained and effective management of the stock route network.

5.2.2.2 Local Government supports the aims and role of the Stock Route Advisory Panel (SRAP) and the Stock Route Implementation Group (SRIG) to provide opinion, comment and advice to the State and relevant Minister on the development of legislation, policies and guidelines for the use and management of the stock route network.

MOTION AMENDMENT 13

5.2.3 Forestry

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.7 Forestry be renumbered to 5.2.3, and subsequently 5.2.3.3 be amended, to read as follows:

5.2.3 Forestry

5.2.3.1 Local Government supports the establishment of private native forestry on the basis of ecological sustainable development while also providing sustainable timber resources.

5.2.3.2 Local Government supports the need for harvest security.

5.2.3.3 Local Government supports a cooperative approach with the State Government in the determination of responsibilities and resources regarding private forestry development and operation and its impacts on local governments and their communities.

5.2.3.4 Local Government supports comprehensive consultation processes between the State Government and affected Local Governments with regard to Regional Forest Agreements, their planning and implementation.

MOTION AMENDMENT 14
5.3 Natural Asset Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.1 Sustainable Natural Resource be amended and renumbered 5.3 Natural Asset Management, to read as follows:

5.3 Natural Asset Management

5.3.1.1 Local Government acknowledges the need to incorporate natural asset management (NAM) issues and priorities identified at a national, state, regional and local scale into its community, corporate, strategic, operations and land use plans.

5.3.1.2 Local Government contributes significant resources to the implementation of Australian and State Government natural asset management legislation, programs and policies and should be recognised as a key contributor in the development of such legislation, programs and policies, including the development of grants programs.

MOTION AMENDMENT 15

5.3.2 World Heritage and Wild Rivers

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.2 World Heritage be amended and renumbered, to read as follows:

5.3.2 World Heritage and Wild Rivers

5.3.2.1 Local Government supports genuine consultation with Commonwealth and State Governments on the listing of World Heritage Areas and declaration of Wild Rivers and their future management.

MOTION AMENDMENT 16

5.3.3 National Park and Crown Land Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.3 National Park and Crown Land Management be renumbered, to read as follows:

5.3.3 National Park and Crown Land Management

5.3.3.1 Local Government supports the establishment of a state-wide network of National Parks which is a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of terrestrial and marine protected areas.

5.3.3.2 Local Government supports genuine and comprehensive consultation with the State Government on matters that directly affect Local Governments by any proposal considering the gazettal of an area as National Park or the removal of an area from a National Park.
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5.3.3.3 Local Government supports adequate compensatory measures for any adverse financial impact that is experienced as a result of the establishment and operation of National Parks, World Heritage Areas and Crown Land within their Local Government areas.

5.3.3.4 Local Government supports adequate State Government resourcing to at least match the national benchmarks of National Parks and Crown Land management authorities to ensure that appropriate land management practices are undertaken.

MOTION AMENDMENT 17

5.3.4 Coastal Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.4 Coastal Management be amended and renumbered, to read as follows:

5.3.4 Coastal Management

5.3.4.1 Local Government is committed to engaging in the review and amendment of the Queensland Coastal Management Plan, Regional Coastal Management Plans and the declaration of Coastal Management Districts.

5.3.4.2 Local Government supports genuine and comprehensive consultation with the State Government on the preparation, review and amendment of the Queensland Coastal Management Plan, Regional Coastal Management Plans and the declaration of Coastal Management Districts.

5.3.4.3 Local Government seeks a full commitment by the State Government to the resourcing of the implementation of the Queensland Coastal Management Strategy and Regional Coastal Management Plans.

MOTION AMENDMENT 18

5.3.5 Biodiversity

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended by the insertion of new clauses, to read as follows:

5.3.5 Biodiversity

5.3.5.1 Local Government supports working cooperatively with Australian and State Governments to protect biodiversity values in the State.

5.3.5.2 Local Government seeks a full commitment by the State Government to the resourcing and implementation of the Queensland Biodiversity Strategy.
MOTION AMENDMENT 19

5.3.6  Biosecurity

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended by the insertion of new clauses and amendment of existing clauses, to read as follows:

5.3.6  Biosecurity

5.3.6.1 Local Government supports the ongoing Federal and State maintenance of the Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) program and its adequate resourcing to meet WoNS strategy outcomes.

5.3.6.2 Local Government supports working cooperatively with Australian and State Governments to control the impacts of declared and environmental invasive plants and animals in the State.

5.3.6.3 Local Government supports the aims and role of the Biosecurity Queensland Ministerial Advisory Council (BQMAC) to provide opinion, comment and advice direct to the relevant Minister on any issues relating to biosecurity.

5.3.6.4 Local Government seeks the support of the State Government to facilitate regional invasive species management planning on behalf of local governments.

5.3.6.5 Local Government supports a full commitment by the State Government to the resourcing of the implementation of the Queensland Biosecurity Strategy.

MOTION AMENDMENT 20

5.3.7  Regional Natural Asset Management (NAM)

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.6 Regional Natural Resource Management, specifically 5.2.6.1 and 5.2.6.4, to be amended and the entire section renumbered, to read as follows:

5.3.7  Regional Natural Asset Management (NAM)

5.3.7.1 Local Government acknowledges the need for integrated and coordinated regional approaches to natural asset management.

5.3.7.2 Local Government supports genuine and comprehensive consultation in the development, implementation and review of regional NAM plans and investment strategies.
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5.3.7.3 Local Government is committed to using its resources including planning responsibilities and links with the community to achieve mutually agreed local and regional natural asset management outcomes.

5.3.7.4 Local Government does not support non-elected groups overriding Local Government’s legitimate autonomy or decision-making role with respect to land management.

5.3.7.5 Local Government is committed to the alignment of regional and local NAM planning and management is necessary to ensure a coordinated approach to natural asset management.

5.3.7.6 Local Government supports the current system of regional NRM bodies with some specific improvements, including stronger links to other regional planning processes such as the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) model included in the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 where it exists.

MOTION AMENDMENT 21

5.3.8 Resourcing

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.2.8 Resourcing, specifically 5.2.8.3, to be amended and renumbered, to read as follows:

5.3.8 Resourcing

5.3.8.1 Local Government is a major investor in natural asset management and seeks as a minimum reciprocal investment by State and Australian Governments to enhance natural asset management outcomes.

5.3.8.2 Local Government supports State and Australian Government funding programs that enable it to effectively deliver its NAM responsibilities.

5.3.8.3 Local Government supports the ongoing allocation of resources to address variations in the capacity and resourcing of Local Government to address NAM issues.

MOTION AMENDMENT 22

5.4 Waste Management

5.4.1 Waste Management Strategy

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3 Waste Management and 5.3.1 Waste Management Strategy be renumbered and amended by the insertion of new clauses, specifically 5.4.1.3, 5.4.1.4 and 5.4.1.5, to read as follows:

5.4.1 Waste Management Strategy
Local Government supports the development and implementation of a comprehensive Waste Management Strategy for Queensland.

Local Government supports the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy for the development of the waste and secondary resource industry that is complementary and integrated with the Queensland Waste Management Strategy.

Local Government supports enhanced data collection in waste management to enable comprehensive waste analysis, policy setting and performance management.

Goals and targets should be jointly developed between State and Local Government to provide direction and enable outcomes to be measured. Improved measurement against goals and targets will enable better monitoring of policy and strategy to ensure continuous improvement.

Local Government supports education and awareness campaigns being developed to focus on ‘selling’ waste minimisation and recycling to the community and small to medium sized enterprises.

MOTION AMENDMENT 23

5.4.2 Toxic and Hazardous Wastes

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.2 Toxic and Hazardous Waste be renumbered and amended by the deletion of existing clauses 5.3.2.2 and 5.3.2.3 and the insertion of a new clause, to read as follows:

5.4.2 Toxic and Hazardous Wastes

5.4.2.1 As a matter of priority the State Government should play an active role in the establishment of regional hazardous waste management and treatment facilities in Queensland.

5.4.2.2 Local Government supports the continued use of a practical, effective system to track wastes of environmental concern which will ensure the disposal of those wastes in an environmentally appropriate manner. The system must provide for increased waste producer responsibility and accountability, but not place additional administrative demands on Local Government without adequate recompense.

MOTION AMENDMENT 24

5.4.3 Domestic Waste Collection

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.3 Domestic Waste Collection be renumbered, to read as follows:

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5.4.3.1 Domestic waste should be collected and treated in an effective manner which minimises the impact on community health and the environment.

MOTION AMENDMENT 25

5.4.4 Waste Management Disposal Levy

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended by the deletion of the existing policy statement 5.3.4 Waste Management Disposal Levy and the insertion of a new policy statement, acknowledging the Queensland Waste Strategy: LGAQ Key Principles, which was adopted by the LGAQ Executive in December 2009 and used as the basis for negotiations with the State Government in the lead up to the recent release of the draft Queensland’s Waste Strategy 2010-2020, to read as follows:

5.4.4 Waste Management and Recycling Levy

5.4.4.1 The imposition of a waste levy on the collection of domestic kerbside waste is opposed by Local Government.

5.4.4.2 A waste levy should only be considered if it:
   a) directly targets problem waste streams or those where there is potential for considerable gains in terms of recycling, or
   b) provides industry with the confidence to invest in new waste management and recycling infrastructure and technology knowing that there will be consistent application of principles and standards.

5.4.4.3 Funds raised through the introduction of a waste levy should be fully returned to waste related activities.

MOTION AMENDMENT 26

5.4.5 Extended Producer Responsibility

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.5 Extended Producer Responsibility be renumbered and amended by the insertion of the words “and Federal” to 5.3.5.2, to read as follows:

5.4.5 Extended Producer Responsibility

5.4.5.1 Local Government strongly supports the principle and introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility.
5.4.5.2 The State Government and Federal Governments should establish the necessary policy and legislative frameworks for the effective implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility.

5.4.5.3 Local Government strongly supports the adoption of Extended Producer Responsibility at a national level.

MOTION AMENDMENT 27

5.4.6 Costs of Waste Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.6 Costs of Waste Management be renumbered and amended by the insertion of a new clause at 5.4.6.4, to read as follows:

5.4.6 Costs of Waste Management

5.4.6.1 The principles of ‘user pays’ and ‘polluter pays’ should be applied where possible in addressing the issue of charging for waste management services.

5.4.6.2 The State Government should provide adequate resources for waste management to enable Councils to achieve associated legislative and community standards.

5.4.6.3 Local Government acknowledges the benefits of Life Cycle Accounting in identifying the true costs associated with waste management and will endeavour to implement it where practicable.

5.4.6.4 Local Government recognises that the cost of waste management in rural, remote and indigenous communities is substantial. Special resourcing and support is required for these councils to assist them to move as close as possible to best practice waste management having regard to their particular circumstances and needs.

MOTION AMENDMENT 28

5.4.7 Recycling

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.7 Recycling be renumbered, to read as follows:

5.4.7 Recycling

5.4.7.1 Local Government is strongly committed to the introduction of economically, environmentally and socially sustainable recycling schemes.

5.4.7.2 Local Government supports the removal of regulatory barriers which unnecessarily restrict the wide implementation of economically, environmentally and socially sustainable recycling schemes.
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5.4.7.3 Local Government strongly supports the principle of the integration of waste management from ‘cradle to grave’, especially with a focus on those waste minimisation options at the top of the waste management hierarchy: waste avoidance and reduction, and materials re-use and recycling.

5.4.7.4 Local Government supports development of expanded markets for recyclables through influencing Government policy and committing to promoting and marketing recycled products.

MOTION AMENDMENT 29

5.4.8 Packaging

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.8 Packing be renumbered and amended by the insertion of a new clause at 5.4.8.2, to read as follows:

5.4.8 Packaging

5.4.8.1 The reduction of excess packaging and introduction of recyclable packing materials and processes is strongly encouraged by Local Government.

5.4.8.2 Local Government supports the National Packaging Covenant and encourages the State Government to continue to support the Covenant with appropriate funding commitments and legislative support.

MOTION AMENDMENT 30

5.4.9 Landfill Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.9 Landfill Management be renumbered and amended by the inserting of new clauses at 5.4.9.3, 5.4.9.4 and 5.4.9.5, to read as follows:

5.4.9 Landfill Management

5.4.9.1 The development of landfill licence conditions and standards should involve genuine consultation with Local Government.

5.4.9.2 The implementation of higher standards of landfill management should be phased in over time to allow for long term financial planning.

5.4.9.3 A “one size fits all” approach to landfill licensing is inappropriate. Appropriate regulations to drive improved waste management outcomes and consumer behaviour should be developed in recognition of the diverse needs and circumstances of Queensland communities.
5.4.9.4 For regulations to be effective there must be public recognition that they are realistic, relevant, appropriate to the circumstances, achievable and able to be implemented by the responsible agencies.

5.4.9.5 Planning for the provision of landfill sites and the location for alternative waste technology facilities requires greater priority in regional planning processes including the need for appropriate zoning, buffering and transport networks for both new and existing sites.
MOTION AMENDMENT 31

5.4.10 Waste Management Authorities

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.3.10 Waste Management Authorities be renumbered, to read as follows:

5.4.10 Waste Management Authorities

5.4.10.1 The establishment of statutory regional waste management authorities is opposed by Local Government.

MOTION AMENDMENT 32

5.4.11 Alternative Waste Technologies

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended by inserting new clauses under the heading “Alternative Waste Technologies”, to read as follows:

5.4.11 Alternative Waste Technologies

5.4.11.1 Research into and incentives for alternate waste disposal technologies should be included in the development of the waste strategy as an alternative to landfill disposal where socially, environmentally and economically viable.

5.4.11.2 Federal and State Government assistance in the form of subsidies or grants may need to be considered if local government is to be encouraged to utilise these options, where appropriate, in lieu of traditional landfill operations.

MOTION AMENDMENT 33

5.4.12 Container Deposit Legislation

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended by inserting new clauses under the title “Container Deposit Legislation”, to read as follows:

5.4.12 Container Deposit Legislation

5.4.12.1 Local Government is opposed to the introduction of Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) on the basis of its high cost, limited impact on the overall waste stream and inequitable impact across the State.
MOTION AMENDMENT 34

5.4.13 Institutional Arrangement

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement be amended by inserting new clauses under “Institutional Arrangement”, to read as follows:

5.4.13 Institutional Arrangement

5.4.13.1 Local Government supports the establishment of a Waste Advisory panel to advise government on waste policy, strategy and regulation consisting of representatives of State Government, Local Government and the waste industry.

5.4.13.2 Local Government supports regional collaboration amongst councils and supports and encourages the promotion of economies of scope and scale in the development of regional waste facilities and services.

MOTION AMENDMENT 35

5.5 Environmental Health

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 5.4 Environmental Health and all subclauses be renumbered as 5.5, and further

That the existing Policy Statement 5.4.2 Dog Control be amended by the insertion of a new clause at 5.5.2.4, to read as follows:

5.5.2 Dog Control

5.5.2.1 The aim of the State Government regulatory framework for restricted dogs and Council local laws should be to ensure that people who keep dogs do so in a responsible manner and that all persons are adequately protected from wandering dogs.

5.5.2.2 Penalties for non-compliance with local laws for dog control should be set at high levels to act as an effective deterrent.

5.5.2.3 The State Government should ensure that appropriate guidelines are in place to allow improved control of wild dogs by Local Governments.

5.5.2.4 To ensure effective implementation and efficient use of resources, State legislation for compulsory microchipping of cats and dogs should provide local government with the ability to designate areas in which the provisions apply as well as areas which are exempt.
MOTION AMENDMENT 36

6 Planning and Development

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 6 Planning and Development be amended by the insertion of the words “Sustainable Planning Act 2009” in place of “Integrated Planning Act 1995” throughout the policy statement.

MOTION AMENDMENT 37

6.1.3 State and Federal Government Consistency

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 6.1.3 State and Federal Government Consistency be amended by the insertion of a new policy statement 6.1.3.3, acknowledging the need for the State Government to undertake early and comprehensive engagement with local governments in relation to designation of land for community infrastructure. The new policy to read as follows:

6.1.3.1 All levels of Government should comply with the provision of a planning scheme in undertaking development. This includes obtaining and complying with appropriate approvals, payment of relevant fees and provisions of required external infrastructure or financial contributions.

6.1.3.2 Contributions towards the costs of external services and facilities associated with Government projects should be the same as those imposed for similar private sector developments.

6.1.3.3 Local Government requires early and comprehensive engagement from State Government agencies when land within a council boundary has been designated for community infrastructure. Thorough engagement will provide Local Government with the opportunity to negotiate the terms of agreement with the State Government agency relating to issues such as physical design, commencement of construction, and future budget requirements.

MOTION AMENDMENT 38

7.2.2 Arts and Heritage - Creative Cultural Development

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 7.2.2 Arts and Culture be amended by the insertion of new clauses and amendment of existing clauses, to read as follows:

7.2.2 Arts and heritage - creative cultural development

7.2.2.1 Scope: Local Government recognises arts and heritage creative cultural development to be ‘all forms of creative practice and artistic and cultural expression and activity’. This includes but is not limited to: creative industry, visual art, music, dance, writing, craft, theatre, media art, multi-arts, design, public art, events, festivals, exhibitions, community cultural development, and preservation of language, knowledge, stories,
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heritage and collections. 

7.2.2.2 Social and economic development: Through community-consulted arts, heritage and cultural policies, plans and initiatives, local government proactively supports social and economic development which foster, value and engage expression, innovation, diversity, creative industry, learning, career development, employment, participation, inclusion, and audience development of Queensland’s culturally and linguistically diverse and geographically spread communities.

7.2.2.3 Indigenous support: Local Government recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as the historical foundation of Australia’s identity and will build opportunities for creative expression, preservation, connection and cultural landscapes through planning, programs, funding and learning.

7.2.2.4 Integrated strategic planning: Arts and heritage creative cultural development is recognised by Local Government as a significant generator of community wellbeing and economic sustainability, and integrates these elements into high level strategic evaluation and planning including; infrastructure and economic development, environmental design, and community and corporate plans; in preparation for population and regionalisation increases.

7.2.2.5 Heritage: Local Government provides for regional Queensland’s culturally and linguistically diverse arts, heritage, knowledge and stories to be recorded, collected, preserved, housed, conserved, interpreted and displayed through supportive and sustainable infrastructure, programs, resources and trained/qualified staff.

7.2.2.6 Partnerships: Collaboration and partnership with government, corporate and private sectors (business and philanthropy), the community and education providers is recognised by local government as a significant pathway to maximising funding, resources, facilities, and spaces and places that provide access and equity for creative cultural development.

7.2.2.7 Creative capacity building: Local Government seeks to build community capacity, nurture a sense of belonging and wellbeing, and fulfil community aspirations by providing facilities, infrastructure, programs, resources, communication, and cultural development support/staff, together with assisting regional cultural and creative networks.

7.2.2.8 Advocacy: Local Government supports and seeks from State and Federal Governments the inclusion of arts and heritage creative cultural development in:
a) facility and infrastructure development,
b) population and regionalisation strategies,
c) new funding opportunities, as well as
d) the continuation and increased funding of the:
   - Regional Arts Development Fund,
   - Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund,
   - Regional Arts Fund, and
   - other grant programs supporting regional Queensland’s creative communities.
8.1.4 Road Safety

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 8.1 Roads be amended to include a new policy statement on Road Safety, acknowledging that road safety is the shared responsibility of all road owners, to read as follows:

8.1.4 Road Safety
8.1.4.1 Road safety should be a priority of all spheres of government.
8.1.4.2 Local Government is committed to collaborating with state and commonwealth agencies to implement initiatives aimed at reducing regional road trauma.
8.1.4.3 Recognising that road safety is a shared responsibility, local government will establish road safety as a priority within the management of transport planning, land use and community planning processes.
8.1.4.4 Local Government calls on State and Commonwealth Governments to provide a share of revenue, information and support to address local road safety issues.
8.1.4.5 Local Government calls on State and Commonwealth Governments to recognise and respond to local road safety issues.

8.1.5 Freight and Heavy Vehicle Management

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 8.1 Roads be amended to include a new policy statement on Freight and Heavy Vehicle Management, acknowledging that local governments are a critical link in the supply chain and whose role should be supported, to read as follows:

8.1.5 Freight and Heavy Vehicle Management
8.1.5.1 Recognising that the majority of freight tasks start and finish on a local government controlled road, councils play a critical role in responding to the growing freight task.
8.1.5.2 Local Government is committed to working with State and Commonwealth Governments to develop strategic freight routes, and to address impediments to accessing the locally controlled network.
8.1.5.3 Local Government is committed to working with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and other regulatory agencies, to ensure that heavy vehicle reforms benefit councils.
8.1.5.4 Local Government requires simplified, aligned and transparent heavy vehicle permit approval processes.
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8.1.5.5 Local Government calls on the State Government to provide funding to upgrade vulnerable assets, including bridges and culverts in order to facilitate improved heavy vehicle access.

8.1.5.6 Local Government calls on the State Government to provide heavy vehicle breakdown facilities where a heavy vehicle permitted route terminates.

8.1.5.7 Local Government calls on the State and Commonwealth Governments to provide adequate funding to repair damage to roads associated with heavy vehicle use, and to upgrade or construct roads to accommodate heavy vehicle access.

8.1.5.8 Local Government calls on the State Government to maintain rail as an accessible freight mode, particularly for agricultural commodities.

8.1.5.9 While Local Government acknowledges that technologies are being developed to improve route and impact monitoring of heavy vehicles, councils require access to Intelligent Access Program data and better information on the impact of Higher Mass Limits, Performance Based Standards and Multi-Combination Vehicles on varying pavements through braking, traction and horizontal forces.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 41**

8.2.1 Access and Availability

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 8.2 Public Transport be amended by the deletion of the existing policy statement 8.2.1.1 to be replaced by an enhanced policy statement at 8.2.1.1. The change is to request State and Commonwealth Government funding be made available to support the planning and delivery of local and regional public transport networks. The new policy to read as follows:

8.2.1.1 Commonwealth and State Government funding should be available to provide for a regionally and locally focused, multi-modal and integrated public transport network. The funding should be available for infrastructure delivery and operational continuance in preparation for sustained urban growth.

**MOTION AMENDMENT 42**

8.6.1 Resource and Mineral Extraction

That the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Statement 8.6 Infrastructure be amended by the insertion of additional policy statements 8.6.1.2 and 8.6.1.3 mandating the need for local government to be engaged early in tenure approval processes to allow sufficient time to plan for impacts associated with the commencement or upgrading of a resource project; and calling on the State Government to establish a long term funding stream to support councils mitigate the impacts on their soft and hard infrastructure as a direct result of mining activity. The new policy statement to read as follows:

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8.6.1.1  Local Government seeks to work in collaboration with the State and the Federal Government and private sector bodies in identifying and addressing the infrastructure needs of local and regional communities required to support mineral and gas exploration and extraction and the environmental and social impacts that arise.

8.6.1.2  Local Government, as an equal government partner in resource communities planning, requires early and comprehensive engagement in resource tenure approval processes to allow sufficient time to plan for impacts associated with the commencement or upgrading of a resource project.

8.6.1.3  Local Governments are the main providers of key infrastructure and community services in resource communities and will require additional financial support to meet the demands on infrastructure and services that will flow from the predicted growth in resource activity over the next decade.
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Association Matters

NO.1 EXECUTIVE

RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL ADDRESS

MOVER: C B Abbot (Sunshine Coast)  
SECONDER: Cr D Edwards (Quilpie)

The President’s Annual Address will be read on Tuesday morning 31st August 2010 and needs to be formally received prior to consideration latter in the Conference.

“That the President’s Annual Address for 2009-2010 be received.”

CARRIED

NO.1A EXECUTIVE

ADOPTION OF PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL ADDRESS

MOVER: Cr P Giandomenico (Hinchinbrook)  
SECONDER: Cr D Edwards (Quilpie)

The President’s Annual Address remains before the Conference during proceedings and is considered on Thursday 2nd September 2010.

“That the President’s Annual Address for 2009-2010 be adopted.”

CARRIED

NO.2 EXECUTIVE

RECEPTION OF THE 114TH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE

MOVER: Cr G Belz (Rockhampton)  
SECONDER: Cr P Gregory (Cairns)

The Annual Report of the Executive needs to be formally received prior to consideration later in the Conference.

“That the Annual Report of the Executive for 2009-2010 be received.”

CARRIED
NO. 2A EXECUTIVE

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Executive’s Annual Report remains before the Conference during proceedings and is considered on Thursday 2nd September 2010.

MOVER: Cr G Belz (Rockhampton)  
SECONDER: Cr P Gregory (Cairns)

“That the Annual Report of the Executive for 2009-2010 be adopted.”  
CARRIED

NO. 3 EXECUTIVE

RECEPTION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR’S REPORT

MOVER: Cr B McNamara (Flinders)  
SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

The Annual Financial Statements and Auditor’s Report need to be formally received prior to consideration later in the Conference.

“That the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010 and Auditor’s Report be received.”  
CARRIED

NO. 3A EXECUTIVE

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR’S REPORT

MOVER: Cr B McNamara (Flinders)  
SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

The Annual Financial Statements and Auditor’s Report remain before the Conference during proceedings and are considered on Thursday 2nd September 2010.

“That the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010 and Auditor’s Report be adopted.”  
CARRIED
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Governance

NO. 4

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION - ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION - SPECIAL RESOLUTION

MOVER: Cr B Abbot (Sunshine Coast)  SECONDER: Cr P Giandomenico (Hinchinbrook)

“That the existing Constitution of the Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd be repealed and a new Constitution of the Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd, attached as Annexure 1 as displayed to the Conference, be adopted.

That for the purposes of complying with the organisation’s obligations as a registered industrial organisation under the Industrial Relations Act 1999, the following matters be approved:

1. A change in the name from the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. to the Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd, and

2. A change in the eligibility rule for membership from being councils constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 to the Local Government Act 2009, and a change in any reference to such membership as being members of the “Association” to being members of the “Organisation”, and

3. All other amendments in the rules as identified in the Constitution attached as Annexure 1.”

CARRIED

NO. 5

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATE STATUS – REINSTATEMENT TO OVERCOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

MOVER: Cr P Pisasale (Ipswich)  SECONDER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to reinstate the corporate status of Queensland councils to rectify the unintended consequence of requiring Councils to pay stamp duty upon valid corporate restructures.”

CARRIED
NO. 6

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL RECOGNITION OPTION

MOVER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane) SECONDER: Cr G Belz (Rockhampton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland endorse the decision of the Australian Local Government Association to specifically seek the financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution to ensure the Australian Government’s ongoing ability to directly fund Local Government.”

CARRIED

NO. 7

LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REFERENDUM AT NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION

MOVER: Cr J Holstein (Lockyer Valley) SECONDER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland actively promote the need for a referendum on the constitutional recognition of local government during the next term of the Federal Parliament.”

CARRIED

NO. 8

RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL/NQLGA

NEW STATE IN NORTH QUEENSLAND – CALL FOR A REFERENDUM

MOVER: Cr J Wharton (Richmond) SECONDER: Cr P Giandomenico (Hinchinbrook)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to conduct a referendum at the next State Election with regards to forming a new State north of Rockhampton across to the west, south of Boulia.”

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NO. 9

GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MOVER: Cr R Dyne (Gympie) SECONDER: Cr I Peterson (Gympie)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government that any future devolution of responsibility to Local Government be fully funded by State Government by way of operational and capital grants (if required).”

CARRIED
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NO. 10

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

STATE GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS - RATIONALISATION, PRIORITISATION AND RESOURCING OF DEMANDS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MOVER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)  
SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to acknowledge the significant resource and timeframe requirements placed on Local Government due to the multitude of legislative, policy and implementation matters it has imposed on councils, and further,

That the State Government therefore rationalise these requirements and prioritise them as well as make allocations for Local Government to be resourced to respond and implement these initiatives.”

CARRIED

NO. 11

NQLGA/BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL

STATE GOVERNMENT - IMPROVED RESPONSE TIMES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICATIONS

MOVER: Cr L McLaughlin (Burdekin)  
SECONDER: Cr P Giandomenico (Hinchinbrook)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the relevant State Government Departments seeking improved timeframes taken in providing feedback or response to various applications and requests made by Local Government.”

CARRIED

NO. 12

LOGAN CITY COUNCIL

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER - ACCESS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

MOVER: Cr R Lutton (Logan)  
SECONDER: Cr L Bradley (Logan)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Queensland Premier, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, and the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Desley Boyle MP, seeking access for local government councillors to the Integrity Commissioner for ethical advice similar to the access available to State parliamentarians. Further, if the State Government does not give Queensland local government access to the Integrity Commissioner, that the LGAQ investigate the establishment of a Local Government Integrity Commissioner that is accessed by Queensland councils on a fee for service arrangement.”

CARRIED
NO. 13  

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS – NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION AND ID CARDS

MOVER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)  
SECONDER: Cr P Pisasale (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to amend the requirements under section 138 of the Local Government Act 2009 for local government workers who are “agents” of the local government. Namely that agents (as opposed to Council employees) who are authorised as local government workers:

- Be “authorised” by the Chief Executive Officer not the local government (in line with the appointment of authorised persons);
- Not be required to have individual identity cards (ID cards); and
- Do not have to be trained or appropriately qualified to be authorised by the local government to act under Division 2.”

CARRIED

Finance & Administration

NO. 14  

HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

RATING - FORESTRY PLANTATION QUEENSLAND LAND LEASED TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

MOVER: Cr P Giandomenico (Hinchinbrook)  
SECONDER: Cr A Lancini (Hinchinbrook)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Queensland Government to ensure that General Rates are payable on Forestry Plantation Queensland (FPQ) land on which forest products are growing that has been leased to private enterprise.”

CARRIED

NO. 15  

NQLGA/ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

LAND ACT – AMENDMENT TO ALLOW SALE OF ADDITIONAL LEASEHOLD AREA

MOVER: Cr W Bethel (Etheridge)  
SECONDER: Cr W Devlin (Etheridge)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Department of Environment and Resource Management to review and amend the Land Act to allow for the separate sale of additional leasehold area or primary lease area.”

CARRIED
Planning & Development

NO. 16 EXECUTIVE

POPULATION POLICY - ADOPTION BY QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT OF A STATE POPULATION POLICY

MOVER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane) SECONDER: Cr P Gregory (Cairns)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to develop a State Population Policy as a mechanism to explain its vision on the way in which Queensland will grow in an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable manner. Such a policy should be in place before the next State election.”

CARRIED

NO. 17 EXECUTIVE

POPULATION GROWTH IMPACT STRATEGIES - IMPLEMENTATION BY STATE GOVERNMENT

MOVER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane) SECONDER: Cr P Gregory (Cairns)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to adopt and implement the recommendations contained within the report of the LGAQ’s Public Inquiry On The Need For a State Population Policy, dealing with:

- Labour Market Stress
- Housing Affordability
- Growth Management
- Regional Development
- Infrastructure Investment, and
- Sustainable Development, including water management.”

CARRIED

NO. 18 REDLAND CITY COUNCIL

POPULATION MANAGEMENT

MOVER: Cr M Hobson (Redland) SECONDER: Cr T Bowler (Redland)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland remain committed to advancing the issue of population (size and growth) by disseminating a broad range of substantiated opinions, facilitating discussion, and contributing to national debate and decision-making. Specifically, but not limited to questioning:

1) the inevitability and desirability of growth;
2) the potential and role of all levels of government and their policies and planning in influencing growth; and
3) the costs and benefits to ratepayers and taxpayers of (a) new infrastructure (b) social impacts on liveability; and (c) the environmental impacts of growth and development.”
NO. 19  WQLGA/BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

POPULATION NEEDS OF WESTERN QUEENSLAND

MOVER: Cr J Ross (Blackall-Tambo)  SECONDER: Cr P Skewes (Blackall-Tambo)

“That Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to State and Federal Governments to consider quarantining a percentage of funding streams for access for rural and remote areas.”

CARRIED

NO. 20  COUNCIL OF MAYORS (SEQ)

GROWTH MANAGEMENT - ROLE OF THE URBAN LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (ULDA)

MOVER: J Brent (Scenic Rim)  SECONDER: Cr G Lehmann (Somerset)

1. “That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government seeking further information/clarification on the role of the Urban Land Development Authority, operating brief, extent of powers and their responsibility concerning infrastructure, and further

2. That notwithstanding the above, the Local Government Association of Queensland believe the ULDA’s powers should be exercised in close partnership with Councils, including reporting directly to the Regional Planning Committee and developing partnership agreements with Local Governments that recognise the Local Governments’ overall planning scheme and other strategic objectives. The Local Government Association of Queensland notes its preferred option that Councils maintain their ongoing role in development assessment, and further

3. That the Local Government Association of Queensland sees a significant role for the ULDA in the coordinated roll out of State infrastructure, including funding, and further

4. That the Local Government Association of Queensland advocates to the State Government that the Queensland Infrastructure Plan include an identifiable chapter on SEQ that confirms current infrastructure commitments to address previous growth as well as allowing for provision of infrastructure for future growth.”

CARRIED
NO. 21  
EXECUTIVE

REVIEW OF GUIDELINES ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE EXTERNAL TO STATE GOVERNMENT SITES AND NON STATE SCHOOLS

MOVER: Cr L Tyrell (Townsville)  
SECONDER: Cr P Taylor (Toowoomba)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland continue its representations to the State Government requesting a comprehensive review of the 1997 Guidelines on Arrangements for Infrastructure External to State Government Sites and Non-State Schools, specifically addressing:

1. The need for early engagement and planning thereby facilitating more effective negotiations between State Government agencies and councils relating to issues such as physical design, commencement of construction and future budget requirements; and

2. The current subsidy arrangement of 50 percent, which was originally determined based on grant and subsidy contributions to Local Government from the State for transport infrastructure, drainage, water, sewerage and headworks.”

CARRIED

NO. 22  
EXECUTIVE

FEDERAL CITIES POLICY DEVELOPMENT - INVOLVEMENT OF AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MOVER: Cr L Tyrell (Townsville)  
SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

“That Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Australian Government to ensure that in the development of the Federal Government’s cities policy it involves consultations with affected Local Governments not only in metropolitan areas but also in growth areas in all States and Territories.”

CARRIED

NO. 23  
LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINERAL AND GAS RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT - INCREASE FUNDING FOR AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MOVER: Cr J Holstein (Lockyer Valley)  
SECONDER: Cr B Abbot (Sunshine Coast)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to significantly increase funding to Local Government affected by the energy boom in the Surat Basin, including those Local Governments which supply routes pass through.”

CARRIED
NO. 24

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

BROADBAND ROLLOUT - LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR FIBRE IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

MOVER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)  
SECONDER: Cr P Pisasale (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Queensland Government for an applicable state legislative framework that is able to be put in place from 1 January 2011 to ensure Queensland councils have the legislative authority to enforce the Federal Government requirements for fibre and fibre-ready infrastructure in new developments.”

CARRIED

NO. 25

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

BROADBAND ROLLOUT - MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR CONDUITS IN STATE AND FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

MOVER: Cr M Bourke (Brisbane)  
SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State and Federal Governments that all their infrastructure works projects should include mandatory provisions to include conduits for telecommunications purposes as part of the final project scope of works.”

CARRIED

NO. 26

NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

BROADBAND ROLLOUT - INCLUSION OF RURAL AREAS

MOVER: Cr P Baker (North Burnett)  
SECONDER: Cr P Francis (North Burnett)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland supports the continued roll out of broadband coverage and requests that the Federal Government include smaller communities in the proposed programme and drawing the attention of the Federal Minister to the urgent need for the roll out of high speed broadband through out the Wide Bay Burnett and other rural regions to meet the demands of local businesses and communities.”

CARRIED

NO. 27

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

BROADBAND DIGITAL ECONOMY INITIATIVES - INCREASED FUNDING PROGRAMS FROM STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

MOVER: Cr P Pisasale (Ipswich)  
SECONDER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Queensland Government Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation and the Federal..."
Government Department of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy for additional funding programs for local government coordinated digital economy initiatives that promote innovative services over high speed broadband.”

CARRIED

NO. 28  EXECUTIVE/WQLGA/BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

DIGITAL TELEVISION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELF HELP RETRANSMISSION SERVICES

MOVER: Cr C McNamara (Flinders)   SECONDER: Cr P Giandomenico (Hinchinbrook)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State and Federal Government:

- seeking assurance for Queensland councils that they will retain the right to rebroadcast television services in digital if they so wish;
- where councils apply for licences to rebroadcast, financial assistance will be provided towards the upgrade of self-help television transmission facilities in lieu of the subsidies provided by the Federal Government for individual households to access the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) network; and
- in rural or remote areas where commercial or council rebroadcast facilities are not provided, to increase the subsidy to residents to purchase their own equipment (such as satellite dishes), to reduce the financial burden of accessing the VAST network.”

CARRIED

NO. 29  BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

STATE GOVERNMENT - ACCELERATING BIKEWAY PERMITS

MOVER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)   SECONDER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, seeking the following commitments from the State Government:

- Giving strong recognition to the importance of bikeways as essential transport infrastructure;
- Giving immediate effect to this recognition through a combination of providing exemptions from the State Government development assessment process when criteria are met, providing greater clarity through codes that would enable self assessment to occur for specific types of infrastructure such as bikeways, and devolving the assessment responsibility to local governments which already have sufficient planning and assessment guidance in their own planning instruments; and
- Resourcing State agencies to assess infrastructure proposals such as essential bikeway infrastructure in a timely manner.”

CARRIED
NO. 30

LOGAN CITY COUNCIL

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY – IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGE 2

MOVER: Cr R Lutton (Logan) SECONDER: Cr L Bradley (Logan)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Premier and the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning to acknowledge the critical need for the State Government to:

1. Ensure a comprehensive awareness and education strategy, including shock media campaign for the life of at least 5 years, is released as part of its Stage 2 Swimming Pool Safety Improvement Strategy, as this is instrumental to all its policy positions.

2. Be part of the regulatory regime, via its Department and Agencies, to ensure the success of its policy positions. This includes the Department of Fair Trading with respect to real estate agents and also the Residential Services Tenancy Authority.

3. Review its position on a State Register for Swimming Pools and have this administered by Local Government or alternatively fund Local Government to maintain such register. In the event the position of the State does not change, the State must afford Local Government an extended period, to that of the impending legislative 3 month period, to provide the State “existing pools” data in recognition of data integrity issues experienced during local government reform.

4. Review the proposed responsibilities for the new class of Pool Safety Inspections to ensure accountability and eliminate pool owner confusion.

5. Accept the opportunity to place the requirements for a Pool Safety Certificate “on market forces” i.e. before a contract of sale for a premises with a pool is entered into as opposed to the current direction in the 18 August 2010 Bill to transfer such obligation to the new owner of a premises to require such within 90 days after the transfer of the title.”

CARRIED

NO. 31

EXECUTIVE

PLANNING SCHEMES – STATE GOVERNMENT TO PRIORITISE PREPARATION OF STATE PLANNING POLICIES (SPP)

MOVER: Cr L Tyrell (Townsville) SECONDER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, seeking the following commitments from the State Government regarding State Planning Policies (SPP’s):

- Identify which SPP’s are being developed or are to be developed;
- Establish a set list of SPP’s with no others to be developed without LGAQ/Department of Infrastructure and Planning agreement; and
- Establish timelines for the preparation and implementation of the SPP’s.
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This will enable new local government schemes to be prepared in the knowledge of what to include or not with regard to SPP’s. More broadly, the role and responsibilities of different State Government departments acting as referral agencies should also be reviewed in terms of efficiency and effectiveness.”

CARRIED

Environment & Health Services

NO. 32 NQLGA/WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

COASTAL EROSION - ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION

MOVER: Cr M Brunker (Whitsunday) SECONDER: Cr P Ramage (Whitsunday)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Department of Environment and Resource Management for expedient approvals and funding to enable Queensland councils to halt the progress of erosion to the coastline of Queensland.”

CARRIED

NO. 33 COUNCIL OF MAYORS (SEQ)

WASTE MANAGEMENT - QUEENSLAND’S WASTE STRATEGY 2010 - 2020 - HYPOTHECATION OF WASTE LEVY TO WASTE RELATED ACTIVITIES

MOVER: Cr M Hobson (Redland) SECONDER: Cr J Brent (Scenic Rim)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to ensure that all funds raised from the waste levy are fully hypothecated to waste avoidance, resource efficiency measures and site remediation measures rather than new conservation areas.”

CARRIED

NO. 34 LOGAN CITY COUNCIL

FOOD SCORING SYSTEM - MANDATORY DISPLAY OF RESULTS

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to Queensland Health to amend the Food Act 2006 to facilitate mandatory display of results from a Local Government Food Scoring System.”

WITHDRAWN
NO. 35  
**PEST MANAGEMENT - PROACTIVE NATIVE WILDLIFE HARVESTING**  
MOVER: Cr W Bethel (Etheridge) SECONDER: Cr C Pickering (Croydon)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Department of Environment and Resource Management to be proactive in the management of pest wildlife and support the harvest of native wildlife.”  
CARRIED

NO. 36  
**ANIMAL MANAGEMENT - BRINGING FORWARD REVIEW OF CATS AND DOGS LEGISLATION**  
MOVER: Cr P Pisasale (Ipswich) SECONDER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to bring forward a review of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 and the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009.”  
CARRIED

NO. 37  
**ANIMAL MANAGEMENT - REGISTRATION AND MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS IN RURAL AREAS**  
MOVER: Cr G Scheu (Goondiwindi) SECONDER: Cr R Kearney (Goondiwindi)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government for amendment of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 to allow individual Councils to determine that the registration and microchipping of cats and dogs only applies to a defined area of the Local Government (for example, by reference to a planning scheme’s urban areas, or by reference to an area within an “urban district” as that term is defined in the Fire and Services Rescue Act 1990).”  
CARRIED

NO. 38  
**WORLD HERITAGE SITE DECLARATIONS - CONSULTATION TO OCCUR WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY**  
MOVER: Cr A Wilson (Cook) SECONDER: Cr D Lee (Cook)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal and State Governments not to declare any further sites in Cape York Peninsula and the Gulf of Carpentaria as World Heritage Listed Sites and Marine Parks without meaningful consultation with all stakeholders.”  
CARRIED
NO. 39  WQLGA/BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

WILD RIVERS DECLARATION - FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH Stakeholders

MOVER: Cr P Skewes (Blackall-Tambo)  SECONDER: Cr R Britton (Boulia)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Honourable Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, stressing the on-going concerns of the Western Queensland residents of the potential implications of the Wild Rivers proposal for the Lake Eyre Basin and to request:

- A most thorough consultation process.
- Definitive quantitative statements of ‘natural values’ that provide businesses with clear measurable outcomes to be expected of new development. The current open ended and qualitative statements of natural values are likely to deter new investment.
- That any resulting Declaration and any conditions for further development be based on the best scientific understanding of the Lake Eyre Basin and measurable scientific variables so as to provide a meaningful level of confidence for the future.”

CARRIED

Community Development & Human Services

NO. 40  TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES - CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MOVER: Cr P Taylor (Toowoomba)  SECONDER: Cr C Taylor (Toowoomba)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations encouraging the State and Federal Government to engage in a meaningful way with and involve Local Government on the identification and prioritisation of community service projects, including disability and community care services.”

CARRIED
People & Performance

NO. 41  WQLGA/BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

STAFF ATTRACTION AND RETENTION - INCREASE IN REMOTE AREA ZONE TAXATION REBATE

MOVER: Cr R Britton (Boulia)  SECONDER: Cr A Wilson (Cook)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Commonwealth Government to significantly review the remote area tax zone rebate including boundaries to encourage workers and families to reside in rural and remote parts of Australia.”

CARRIED

NO. 42  IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

STAFF ATTRACTION AND RETENTION - EMPLOYEE SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS - AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AND LG SUPER TRUST DEED

MOVER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)  SECONDER: Cr C Pisasale (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government requesting that amendments be made to the Local Government Act 2009 (“the Act”) to exempt employees from the requirement to make employee contributions where this would result in the employee exceeding the Commonwealth Government’s Concessional Contributions Cap for superannuation contributions (“the CGCCC”).

That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representation to the Trustee of LG Super to amend the LG Super Trust Deed to exempt employers from making contributions above 9% of the Commonwealth Government’s Maximum Superannuation Contribution Base where this would result in the employee exceeding the CGCCC and the employee elects to take the additional superannuation contribution as salary.”

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**Roads, Transport & Infrastructure**

**NO. 43 EXECUTIVE**

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - INCREASED FUNDING AND DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL ROAD GROUPS

MOVER: Cr B Abbot (Sunshine Coast) SECONDER: Cr L Tyrell (Townsville)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to:

1. Increase the quantum of Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding by an additional $30 million per annum, to be accessible by all Regional Roads Groups (RRGs) to match the $30 million made available to the far western RRGs in the 2010-11 state budget; and

2. Expand the decision making authority of individual RRGs for the current “Roads Alliance”, “Regional Safety and Development” and specified percentage of “Base” categories of TIDS to all categories of TIDS funding where agreed to by the Roads Alliance Board and members of the individual RRGs.”

CARRIED

**NO. 44 NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL**

BRIDGES - INCREASED FEDERAL ROADS TO RECOVERY (R2R) PROGRAM FUNDING

MOVER: Cr P Francis (North Burnett) SECONDER: Cr P Baker (North Burnett)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal Government to continue with the Roads to Recovery program and to further expand the Roads to Recovery program to establish a specific funding pool for bridges and hydraulic infrastructure.”

CARRIED

**NO. 45 EXECUTIVE**

ROAD USER CHARGING - QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT REVIEW

MOVER: Cr P Taylor (Toowoomba) SECONDER: Cr P Gregory (Cairns)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government and Federal Government to undertake a comprehensive review of all road user charging arrangements in Queensland to develop a more rational model that measures the impacts on road condition, congestion and the environment, and provide a framework with funding direct to local government.”

CARRIED
NO. 46

RICHMOND AND FLINDERS ShIRE COUNCILS

BUS SERVICES - OPERATOR ACCREDITATION IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

MOVER: Cr J Wharton (Richmond) SECONDER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to revise the current Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994 that imposes Operator Accredited and Driver Authorisation requirements for courtesy, community and general passenger services to legislate for an exemption for rural and remote communities that have no alternate public transport services available.”

CARRIED

NO. 47

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC TRANSPORT - INCREASED STATE FUNDING

MOVER: Cr M Bourke (Brisbane) SECONDER: Cr J Brent (Scenic Rim)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Honourable Rachel Nolan MP, Minister for Transport, seeking the following commitments from the State Government:

- Increase funding for the delivery of public transport services in Queensland;
- Accelerate the delivery of public transport infrastructure such as busways to improve operations and encourage a modal shift from cars to public transport; and
- Make representations to the Australian Government seeking increased funding for public transport infrastructure and operations in Queensland.”

CARRIED

NO. 48

EXECUTIVE

BULK WATER CHARGES - IDENTIFICATION AS STATE CHARGES ON WATER ACCOUNTS

MOVER: Cr M de Wit (Brisbane) SECONDER: Cr G Belz (Rockhampton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to amend the South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2010 to enable local government owned water entities to identify bulk water charges on their water accounts as “State Bulk Water Component” and not be restricted to these charges being identified only as “Bulk Water Component”.”

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Governance

NO. 49 WQLGA/BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE - DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS

MOVER: Cr R Britton (Boulia) SECONDER: Cr K Neilson (Boulia)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland seek a commitment from the State Government to facilitate the attendance of a Senior Government Minister at each of the different District (e.g. WQLGA) Annual Conferences.”

CARRIED

Finance & Administration Section

NO. 50 GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

FUNDING - STATE CAPITAL WORKS GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES RETURNED TO PREVIOUS LEVELS

MOVER: Cr R Dyne (Gympie) SECONDER: Cr I Peterson (Gympie)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to have the level of State subsidy and grants for water, sewerage, roads and drainage return to the previous level of funding.”

CARRIED

NO. 51 MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

RATING EXEMPTION - RETIREMENT VILLAGES ON LAND OWNED BY A RELIGIOUS ENTITY

MOVER: Cr A Sutherland (Moreton Bay) SECONDER: Cr G Lehmann (Somerset)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to remove the exemption from general rates for retirement villages on land owned by a religious entity.”

CARRIED
NO. 52
MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

VALUATION OF LAND - EARLIER RELEASE DATES

MOVER: Cr A Sutherland (Moreton Bay)  
SECONDER: Cr B Carter (Rockhampton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Department Environment and Resource Management seeking the State Government to bring forward the release dates for the land valuations, as current practice provides little time for Council’s analysis of the valuations in preparation of its annual budget.”

CARRIED

NO. 53
SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

VALUATION OF LAND - LACK OF CONSISTENCY IN UNIMPROVED PROPERTY VALUATIONS

MOVER: Cr R Bellingham (Southern Downs)  
SECONDER: Cr P Blundell (Southern Downs)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government requesting consistency in developing unimproved capital valuations so that adjoining properties or properties within close proximity with similar attributes to each other receive the similar adjustment in valuations.”

CARRIED

NO. 54
NQLGA/BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

VALUATION OF LAND - LOCAL GOVERNMENT INPUT INTO VALUATION PROCESS

MOVER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)  
SECONDER: Cr R Britton (Boulia)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Department of Environment and Resource Management that the relevant Local Government has input in the valuation process when valuations take place within a council area.”

CARRIED

NO. 55
MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

VALUATION OF LAND - REMOVAL OF CONCESSIONS FOR “ARTIFICIAL” RURAL ACTIVITIES

MOVER: Cr A Sutherland (Moreton Bay)  
SECONDER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representation to the State Government requesting that consideration be given to amending the Valuation of Land Act 1944 where it relates to concessions which apply to development approval sites that are used for rural purposes.”

CARRIED
NO. 56  WQLGA/BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

LUXURY CAR TAX - REMOVAL ON 4WD VEHICLES IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

MOVER: Cr R Britton (Boulia)  SECONDER: Cr J Palmer (Longreach)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Commonwealth Government to remove the luxury car tax on 4WD vehicles in rural and remote parts of Australia.”

CARRIED

NO. 57  WQLGA/BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA POST – REMOVAL OF ELECTRONIC POINT OF SALE (EPOS) FEES IN REMOTE/LOW TRANSACTION AREAS

MOVER: Cr R Britton (Boulia)  SECONDER: Cr J Palmer (Longreach)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to Australia Post for Electronic Point of Sale (EPOS) transaction fees to be removed from remote area/low transaction Australia Post Offices.”

CARRIED

Planning & Development

NO. 58  LOGAN CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING POWERS – RESOLVING THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT 2009 AND SUSTAINABLE PLANNING ACT 2009

MOVER: Cr R Lutton (Logan)  SECONDER: Cr L Bradley (Logan)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Honourable Stirling Hinchcliffe MP, requesting amendments to the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 to include the use of a council’s website as a means for making Integrated Development Amendment System (IDAs) documentation available to the public to avoid potential breaches with the new requirements of the Information Privacy Act 2009.”

CARRIED
NO. 59

MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

PLANNING POWERS - COMPLIANCE OF STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SCHEMES

MOVER: Cr A Sutherland (Moreton Bay)  
SECONDER: Cr M Hobson (Redland)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representation to the State Government requesting that consideration be given to the development of a suitable Development Code for State Housing Developments that would be acceptable to both the Local Government as well as the State Department of Community Services and Housing.”

CARRIED

NO. 60

WESTERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

BUILDING REGULATION - REVIEW OF PRIVATE BUILDING CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

MOVER: Cr R Brown (Western Downs)  
SECONDER: Cr B McCutcheon (Western Downs)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Queensland Government to reform the current Private Certification System for Building Certifiers addressing fundamental concerns of Local Government. Reform considerations should include:

- The introduction of mandatory fines and punishments for Private Certifiers who consistently flaunt the requirements of the Building Code and/or Council’s Town Planning Schemes;
- Building Certifiers’ registration fees benchmarked against verified complaints (ie the more complaints against a Certifier which are found to be justified, the more expensive it becomes for the Certifier to register; and
- Improved complaint management system to deliver outcomes sooner. (There are currently long delays in resolving some complaints).”

CARRIED

NO. 61

NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE – IMPROVEMENT ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

MOVER: Cr P Baker (North Burnett)  
SECONDER: Cr P Francis (North Burnett)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal Government to continue to improve mobile phone coverage along major transport corridors, roads of regional significance and rural communities.”

CARRIED
NO. 62 NORTHERN BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

WEED MANAGEMENT - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ERADICATION OF INVASIVE WEED SPECIES

MOVER: Cr P Francis (North Burnett)  
SECONDER: Cr P Baker (North Burnett)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal Government for an increase in support and funding to be applied to the control and eventual eradication of invasive weed and pest species.”

CARRIED

NO. 63 BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

WEED MANAGEMENT - DECLARATION OF CALOTROPE AS A WEED OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

MOVER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)  
SECONDER: Cr T Forshaw (Burke)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Minister responsible for Biosecurity Queensland, the Honourable Tim Mulherin MP, to request that Calotrope be declared a weed of national significance.”

CARRIED

NO. 64 WQLGA/BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

HEALTH SERVICES - INCREASED FUNDING FOR REGIONAL AND REMOTE AREAS

MOVER: Cr J Ross (Blackall-Tambo)  
SECONDER: Cr P Skewes (Blackall-Tambo)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, asking that as plans for the next Queensland budget are prepared, that the particular health needs, especially dentistry, in regional and remote areas be given special consideration.”

CARRIED

NO. 65 WQLGA/BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGED CARE – CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL AND REMOTE AREA NEEDS

MOVER: Cr J Ross (Blackall-Tambo)  
SECONDER: Cr P Skewes (Blackall-Tambo)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, welcoming recent announcements for increased Commonwealth spending on aged
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care and asking that the needs of regional and remote areas be considered in the plans for using these new funds and that innovative appropriate ways of providing aged care be developed that meet the needs of the unique communities in these regions.”

CARRIED

NO. 66 WQLGA/WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL

HOSPITAL SERVICES - REINTRODUCTION OF LOCAL HOSPITAL BOARDS

MOVER: Cr R Britton (Boulia) SECONDER: Cr J Palmer (Longreach)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government for the reintroduction of Local Hospital Boards as the administrative and financial basis for the effective and efficient management of local hospitals.”

CARRIED

Community Development & Human Services

NO. 67 BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC LIBRARIES - INCREASED STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING

MOVER: Cr M Bourke (Brisbane) SECONDER: Cr B Carter (Rockhampton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government for building and refurbishment funding and additional collection funding for all public libraries so that they can continue to meet the growing and changing learning and informational needs of local communities.”

CARRIED
NO. 68  
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL  
RURAL ROADS FORUM - ESTABLISHED BY LGAQ  
MOVER: Cr J Hooper (Banana)  
SECONDER: Cr M Clancy (Banana)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland acknowledges the imperatives of maintaining a viable rural road network to service the community and economic need and establishes a forum within an existing LGAQ Conference with the specific agenda of identifying and highlighting the contribution of the rural road network to the state and national economies to assist in lobbying for additional funding.”  
CARRIED

NO. 69  
NQLGA/COOK SHIRE COUNCIL  
GRAVEL AND WATER ACCESS - STATE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT EXTRACTION FROM NATIONAL PARKS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE  
MOVER: Cr A Wilson (Cook)  
SECONDER: Cr D Lee (Cook)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to amend its legislation and policy of not allowing Local Governments (and the Department of Main Roads) to access gravel and water in National Parks in order to maintain Local Government roads therein.”  
CARRIED

NO. 70  
LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS (GPS) - INVESTIGATION INTO INFORMATION AND DATA ACCURACY  
MOVER: Cr J Holstein (Lockyer Valley)  
SECONDER: Cr G Moon (Lockyer Valley)  
“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government and request that they investigate the quality of information being produced and used in Global Positioning Systems (GPS) as the inaccuracies in the data has the potential to lead to loss of life, especially in the rural areas.”  
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NO. 71  LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

RURAL PROPERTY LOCATIONS - DIFFICULTY IN USE OF GPS BY EMERGENCY SERVICES

MOVER: Cr G Moon (Lockyer Valley)  SECONDER: Cr J Holstein (Lockyer Valley)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to Emergency Management Queensland about the difficulties being experienced due to the reliance on Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for locating properties in rural areas including the potential for loss of life and request that back up systems be introduced.”

CARRIED

NO. 72  BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

TOURISM SIGNAGE - REVIEW ON MAIN ROADS NETWORK

MOVER: Cr M Bourke (Brisbane)  SECONDER: Cr D Carter (South Burnett)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to regularly review tourism signage within its jurisdiction for condition and continuing relevance in conjunction with the relevant Local Governments.”

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NO. 73  LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

DAYLIGHT SAVING

MOVER: Cr G Moon (Lockyer Valley)  SECONDER: Cr J Holstein (Lockyer Valley)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland write to every council in Queensland to determine their position in respect to daylight saving in Queensland and any proposal for a split time zone and these responses be communicated to the State Government.”

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Finance & Administration

NO. 74  SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

LAND TAX - THRESHOLDS SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY

MOVER: Cr P Blundell (Southern Downs)  SECONDER: Cr P Taylor (Toowoomba)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to review and adjust the threshold that applies to Land Tax on an annual basis in line with general valuation shifts across the state to ensure land holders are not unfairly levied Land Tax simply because of increases in valuations applied by the State.”

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NO. 75  WQLGA/BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINERAL AND GAS RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT - IMPACT OF EXPLORATION AND MINING

MOVER: Cr J Ross (Blackall-Tambo)  SECONDER: Cr P Skewes (Blackall-Tambo)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development and the Honourable Stirling Hinchcliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, emphasising the concerns of Local Government on the potential impact of mining in our regions, stressing the requirement for:

- A change to the State Government mining legislation...requiring mining companies to register with Local Governments when State Government permits are granted for exploration;
- The inclusion of social impact statements in the impact assessment processes for new mining projects;
- The release of the Queensland Liquid Natural Gas Strategy, which includes assessing the impact of this industry on regions; and
- On-going assistance with the planning and wider employment and training issues linked to the impacts of mining development.”

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NO. 76

CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL

HEAVY VEHICLE FATIGUE MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION - IMPACT ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

MOVER: Mr Matthew Fanning (Carpentaria)  
SECONDER: Cr A Clarke (Burke)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State and Federal Governments to amend the current Fatigue Management legislation to exempt construction and maintenance activities undertaken by Local Government.”

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NO. 77

BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPONSORED HOSPITALITY BENEFIT - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT

MOVER: Cr L Pyefinch (Bundaberg)  
SECONDER: Cr T Ricciardi (Bundaberg)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to review the provisions of Section 110(4) and Item 12 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010, and make the amendments as underlined as follows:

Section 110(4):-
A person receives a sponsored hospitality benefit if:-
(a) the person, other than in an official capacity -
   (i) undertakes travel; or
   (ii) uses accommodation; and
(b) a contribution, whether financial or non-financial, for the cost of the travel or accommodation is made by someone other than the person or their spouse.

Item 12 of Schedule 3:-
(1) The particulars required for each sponsored hospitality benefit received by a relevant person are -
   (a) the source of the contribution for the travel or accommodation; and
   (b) the purpose of the benefit.
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a sponsored hospitality benefit provided by a person who is -
   (a) a person who is related to the relevant person or
   (b) someone else who is related by blood or marriage to the relevant person; or
   (c) the relevant person’s friend.
(3) However, the relevant person must be satisfied there can not be the perception of a conflict of interest relating to the receipt of the sponsored hospitality benefit that could conflict with a duty the person has under the Act.”

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NO. 78  WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - EXEMPTION FOR COUNCILLORS

MOVER: Cr M Brunker (Whitsunday)  
SECONDER: Cr P Tully (Ipswich)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to amend the Local Government Act 2009 to exempt councillors from the Conflict of Interest provisions when officially representing or appointed by Council to community organisations and committees.”

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NO. 79  LOGAN CITY COUNCIL

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - EXEMPTION FOR COUNCILLORS WHO ARE PATRONS OR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

MOVER: Cr R Lutton (Logan)  
SECONDER: Cr L Bradley (Logan)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Desley Boyle MP, requesting a review of the conflicts of interest requirement in the new Local Government Act 2009 that require Mayor and Councillors to declare a conflict of interest for simply being a patron or honorary life member of a community based organisation.”

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NO. 80  ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

MARITIME SHIPPING LAWS AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - REVIEW TO IMPOSE STRICTER REQUIREMENTS

MOVER: Cr B Carter (Rockhampton)  
SECONDER: Cr G Belz (Rockhampton)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State and Federal Government to undertake a review of maritime shipping laws and governance arrangements, including:

- Expanding the coverage of vessel monitoring (e.g. the Vessel Traffic Service) to cover all bulk carrier shipping lanes;
- A full review of the deterrent effectiveness of the nature and size of penalties for non-compliance with environmental and maritime laws in relation to bulk carrier shipping activities; and
- Extending the requirements for pilots to cover the entire Great Barrier Reef Marine Park area.”

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