



# **LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**19 MARCH 2019**

*Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 19 March 2019 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.*

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
18 March 2019

Next Meeting Date: 02.04.19

**Please note:**

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.6 NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC - 2 APRIL 2019

**File No:** 4932

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**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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#### SUMMARY

*Local Government Association of Queensland Inc have called a General Meeting in Brisbane on Tuesday 2 April 2019.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor Strelow be authorised to attend the LGAQ General Meeting to be held in Brisbane on 2 April 2019 with voting rights on behalf of Rockhampton Regional Council.

#### BACKGROUND

Local Government Association of Queensland Inc have called a General Meeting to be held in Brisbane on Tuesday 2 April 2019.

The LGAQ have advised that, in calling this meeting under the Constitution and Rules, the Board of LGAQ Ltd had regard to the fact that such meetings are rare and reserved for the most important and urgent of matters.

Both the LGAQ Board and the Policy Executive believe that with such critical matters as proposed changes to the voting arrangements for the 2020 Council elections, there should be a full discussion and debate by the members. This will ensure that the LGAQ can convey directly their members' considered views to the Government and indeed the Parliament, before the enabling legislation is debated.

The General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Tuesday 2 April 2019. At the 2019 General Meeting Rockhampton Regional Council will be entitled to a total of 4 votes.

It is recommended that Rockhampton Regional Council be represented by Mayor Strelow and that she be authorised to vote on behalf of Rockhampton Regional Council accordingly.

# **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC - 2 APRIL 2019**

## **Letter from LGAQ**

**Meeting Date: 19 March 2019**

**Attachment No: 1**



7 March 2018

Mr Evan Pardon  
Chief Executive Officer  
Rockhampton Regional Council  
PO Box 1860  
ROCKHAMPTON, QLD 4700

Dear Mr Pardon

**Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd's General Meeting**

In calling this meeting under the Constitution and Rules, the Board of LGAQ Ltd had regard to the fact that such meetings are rare and reserved for the most important and urgent of matters. Indeed, only two such meetings have occurred in the past 30 years.

Both the LGAQ Board and the Policy Executive believe that with such critical matters as proposed changes to the voting arrangements for the 2020 Council elections, there should be a full discussion and debate by the members. This will ensure that your Association can convey directly your considered views to the Government and indeed the Parliament, before the enabling legislation is debated.

The General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Tuesday 2 April 2019.

**Notice of General Meeting**

Under the constitution the Association must provide a Notice of this General Meeting to all members not less than 21 days prior to the General Meeting.

Please find enclosed an official copy of the Notice of General Meeting.

**Voting Entitlements**

At the 2019 General Meeting Rockhampton Regional Council will be entitled to a total of 4 votes.

Clause 4.11 (5) of the LGAQ constitution provides that each council which has more than two Conference votes and appoints two delegates, is entitled to specify the number of votes which may be exercised by each of those delegates.

For Councils with 2 votes, if Council nominates 2 delegates, each delegate will be allocated 1 vote. If Council nominates 1 delegate, both votes will be allocated to that delegate.

Please find enclosed a delegate voting entitlement form to advise the LGAQ of each delegate's individual details. This form needs to be completed, signed on behalf of Council by Council's Mayor or CEO and returned to the LGAQ by 19 March 2019.

P 07 3000 2222  
F 07 3252 4473  
W [www.lgaq.asn.au](http://www.lgaq.asn.au)

Local Government House  
25 Evelyn Street  
Newstead Qld 4006

PO Box 2230  
Fortitude Valley BC  
Qld 4006

Local Government Association Of Queensland Ltd.  
ABN 11 010 883 293 ACN 142 783 917



Registrations to attend the General Meeting should be completed through the online registration process through the following link (<https://localgov.eventsair.com/2019-special-general-meeting/registration>) or online at [www.lgaq.asn.au](http://www.lgaq.asn.au) via the events tab on the homepage.

Persons listed as delegates on the form should be the same persons registered as delegates through the online Conference registration system.

#### **Attachments**

The following attachments have been enclosed with this letter and the purpose of each of those documents is outlined below:

- **Notice of General Meeting** – for your records only, no action required
- **Appointment of Proxy form** – no action required unless Council wishes to appoint a proxy
- **Voting Entitlement Form** – completion of delegate details. *Please return to the LGAQ by 19 March 2019.*

Should you have any queries in relation to the Conference voting arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact Darren Leckenby on 07 3000 2222 or ([darren\\_leckenby@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:darren_leckenby@lgaq.asn.au)).

If you have any other questions, please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Greg Hallam', is written over a light grey circular stamp or watermark.

Greg Hallam AM  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attach.



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND LTD****2019 GENERAL MEETING****NOTIFICATION OF DELEGATE VOTING ENTITLEMENT**

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Council: Rockhampton Regional Council

Total Voting Entitlement: 4

Number of Delegates Appointed for General Meeting: .....

*(Please complete the following details in relation to each delegate. Council is able to specify the number of votes that each delegate is entitled to exercise. **A delegate must either be the Mayor, a councillor or the CEO.**)*

Delegate Name: .....

Voting Entitlement: .....

Delegate Name: .....

Voting Entitlement: .....

**Please ensure this form is signed by the Mayor or CEO in the space provided:**

.....  
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer

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**Please return to:**

Stacey Oswald  
Local Government Association of Queensland  
PO Box 2230  
Fortitude Valley BC QLD 4006  
or  
Via Email: [stacey\\_oswald@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:stacey_oswald@lgaq.asn.au)

**Appointment of Proxy**  
**Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd**  
**[ACN 075 341 981]**

....., a member of the company,  
 of .....  
 appoints .....  
 of .....  
 or in \*his/her absence, .....  
 of .....  
 as its proxy, to vote for it on its behalf at:

- the general meeting of the company to be held on 2 April 2019; and
- at any adjournment of that meeting.

#This form is to be used \*in favour of/against\* the resolution.

SIGNED on behalf of .....

- pursuant to *Local Government Act 2009* section 236;
- by \*the mayor/a Council delegate/a councillor/an officer authorised by the mayor, who certifies  
 \*he/she is the proper officer to sign

.....  
 Mayor/Delegate/Authorised Person

.....  
 Full name [*Print*]

\*Strike out whichever is not desired.

#Insert if desired.

# **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC - 2 APRIL 2019**

## **Notice of General Meeting**

**Meeting Date: 19 March 2019**

**Attachment No: 2**

**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

In accordance with Rule 4.1 & 4.2 of the LGAQ's Constitution, all Councils are notified of a General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd ACN 142 783 917 which will be held at Ballroom Le Grand 1 & 2, Sofitel Hotel, 249 Turbot Street BRISBANE, Queensland on Tuesday, 2 April 2019 commencing at 10.00am.

The business of the General Meeting is to amend the LGAQ Policy Statement to address the Queensland Government's proposed legislative changes to the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*, *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (Motions 1 to 9 (inclusive)) and to direct the President, Chief Executive Officer and Policy Executive of the LGAQ to inform the Queensland Government of the membership's position on these issues at the earliest opportunity (Motion 10).

**Motion 1**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose, at local government elections, a system of compulsory preferential voting.

**Motion 2**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose proportional representation in Queensland local government.

**Motion 3**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose, at local government elections, the ability for a person to stand as a dual candidate for both the position of mayor and councillor.

**Motion 4**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the introduction of local government election campaign expenditure limits as proposed by the March 2019 Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs information paper: "Local Government Reforms – Key amendments currently under consideration".

**Motion 5**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland support the introduction of local government election campaign expenditure limits, set at \$2 per enrolled voter for mayoral elections and \$1 per enrolled voter for councillor elections, with upper expenditure limits ("ceilings") of \$200,000 for mayoral elections and \$50,000 for councillor elections and lower expenditure limits ("floors") of \$20,000 for mayoral elections and: -

- a) \$15,000 for councillor elections in undivided councils; or
- b) \$5,000 for councillor elections in divided councils.

**Motion 6**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland support the introduction of legislation to prevent the potential distorting influence of electoral expenditure by third parties with aligned interests.

**Motion 7**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the ratepayer funding of Queensland local government elections.

**Motion 8**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the proposed amendment to the legislation that will remove the power of the Mayor, in conjunction with either the Deputy Mayor or a Councillor who is a Committee Chair, to participate in the decision to appoint senior executive employees.

- a) senior contract employees (City of Brisbane Act 2010); and
- b) senior executive employees (Local Government Act 2009).

**Motion 9**

That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the proposed amendment to the legislation that will remove the power of the Mayor, in conjunction with either the Deputy Mayor or a Councillor who is a Committee Chair, to participate in the decision to appoint senior executive employees.

**Motion 10**

That the President, Chief Executive Officer and Policy Executive of the LGAQ, at the earliest opportunity, request that the Queensland Government;

- a) take heed of the position of the 77 Queensland local governments, and the communities that they represent and serve, on the issues determined at this general meeting.
- b) Further call on the Premier to honour her public commitment to not implement reforms to local government that she is not prepared to implement to her own government.

**Other Motions**

Any such other business as may be lawfully be brought before the meeting for consideration.

If your Council is not attending the General Meeting, you may appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf at the General Meeting by completing a proxy form. The completed appointment of proxy form must be returned to the registered office of the LGAQ before the time at which the General Meeting is to be held; tabled at the General Meeting or produced when the poll is taken.

If your Council is attending the General Meeting, you must appoint one or two delegates who are either the Chief Executive Officer or Councillor of your Council to vote on your behalf at the General Meeting. To appoint delegates you must notify the secretary in writing or by electronic submission in the manner approved by the secretary and notified to members.

Any delegation received after 19 March 2019 will be invalid and of no effect.

# **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC - 2 APRIL 2019**

## **Background to Motions**

**Meeting Date: 19 March 2019**

**Attachment No: 3**

<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>1. Association Matters - Compulsory Preferential Voting</b>
<b>Motion</b>	That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose, at local government elections, a system of compulsory preferential voting.
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Queensland Government has proposed a series of reforms to the Queensland local government electoral system, one of which is to introduce compulsory preferential voting ("CPV") for all council elections. The Crime and Corruption Commission's October 2017 report "Operation Belcarra: A blueprint for integrity and addressing corruption risk in local government" ("the Belcarra Report") did not make any recommendation about changing the method of voting at Queensland local government elections. Similarly, the March 2017 "Inquiry Report: A review of the conduct of the 2016 local government elections, the referendum and the Toowoomba South by-election" ("the Soorley Report") commissioned by the Queensland Government specifically recommended "That Queensland should retain the current optional preferential voting system for local government elections at least until after the next election" (Recommendation 21). The Soorley Report also states "The panel supports the current OPV system for local government elections for all mayors and councillors in divided councils and FPTP for councillors in undivided councils." [Note to members: "OPV" = optional preferential voting and "FPTP" = first past the post]</p> <p>The Queensland Government's proposal to introduce CPV goes against the recommendations of the Queensland Government commissioned Soorley Report. The 2018 LGAQ Policy Statement does not presently address this issue. The LGAQ Policy Executive considers this to be a critical matter requiring discussion and decision by the membership and proposes that the introduction of CPV be rejected. Particular factors considered by the Policy Executive in making this recommendation include: the potential for high numbers of informal votes and/or "donkey" votes, the complexity and length of the count, and voters being required to express 'preferences' for candidates whom they dislike.</p>
<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>2. Association Matters – Proportional Representation</b>
<b>Motion</b>	That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose proportional representation in Queensland local government.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Another of the Queensland Government proposed reforms to the Queensland local government electoral system is the introduction of proportional representation for councillors in undivided council areas. Neither the Belcarra Report nor the Soorley Report make any recommendation about the introduction of proportional representation. During previous reviews of local government electoral arrangements, for example in 2010, the membership made strong representations to the LGAQ that any form of proportional representation voting system was not appropriate for Queensland local government elections.</p> <p>The 2018 LGAQ Policy Statement does not presently address this issue. The LGAQ Policy Executive considers this to be a critical matter requiring discussion and decision by the membership and proposes that the introduction of proportional representation be rejected. Particular factors considered by the Policy Executive in making this recommendation include: the potential for greater instability in councils as PR can lead to the election of candidates from micro-parties and outside the mainstream that can gain influence far in excess of their following in the community, the complexity and length of the count, and the fact that PR systems are difficult to understand for voters and open to manipulation by "preference whisperers".</p>

<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>3. Association Matters – Dual Candidacy</b>
<b>Motion</b>	That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose, at local government elections, the ability for a person to stand as a dual candidate for both the position of mayor and councillor.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Another of the Queensland Government proposed reforms to the Queensland local government electoral system is the introduction of dual candidacy for the election of mayors and councillors in undivided council areas (i.e. in undivided councils, a candidate could nominate for mayor and councillor). Neither the Belcarra Report nor the Soorley Report make any recommendation about the introduction of dual candidacy.</p> <p>The 2018 LGAQ Policy Statement does not presently address this issue. However, there have been annual conference motions in the past rejecting this proposition, most recently in 2013. The LGAQ Policy Executive acknowledges that the concept of dual candidacy enjoys some support in the more rural and remote council areas where there are fewer qualified or experienced candidates available to nominate. Whilst acknowledging these views, the LGAQ Policy Executive is of the view that the introduction of dual candidacy be rejected. However, it is open to members to move an amendment to this motion specifying a population threshold at which point dual candidacy could apply, e.g. councils with populations of 2000 or less.</p>
<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>4. Association Matters – Queensland Government Proposed Expenditure Caps</b>
<b>Motion</b>	That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the introduction of local government election campaign expenditure limits as proposed by the March 2019 Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs information paper: "Local Government Reforms – Key amendments currently under consideration".
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Queensland Government has proposed a series of reforms to the Queensland local government electoral system, one of which is to introduce candidate expenditure caps as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Councillor candidates in local government areas/divisions — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ with fewer than 20,000 electors - \$10,000;</li> <li>➢ with 20,000 electors or more – sliding cap of 50¢ per elector</li> <li>➢ with 40,000 electors or more - \$20,000.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Mayoral candidate in Local Government areas — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ with fewer than 60,000 electors - \$30,000;</li> <li>➢ with more than 60,000 electors – a sliding cap of 50¢ per elector</li> <li>➢ with 200,000 electors or more - \$100,000.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Third parties: same cap that applies for Mayoral candidates.</li> <li>o Groups of candidates and political parties that endorse candidates: sum of individual members expenditure caps up to the maximum for positions to be filled in lieu of candidate caps.</li> </ul> <p>Caps are per four-year term. Aggregation and collaboration limits on candidates and groups of candidates using third parties to exceed expenditure caps."</p> <p>The Belcarra Report recommended "That an appropriate parliamentary committee review the feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland local government elections ..." (Recommendation 1). The LGAQ is unaware of any such</p>



	<p>review ever occurring.</p> <p>The LGAQ supports, in principle, the introduction of election expenditure caps. This was part of the Policy Executive's own "Beyond Belcarra" decision of April 2018.</p> <p>However, the LGAQ Policy Executive recommends that the Queensland Government proposed expenditure caps be rejected because the caps are set too low and create the potential for the distorting influence of electoral expenditure by third parties with aligned interests. The LGAQ Policy Executive submits an alternative as per Motions 5 and 6.</p>
<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>5. Association Matters – LGAQ Proposed Expenditure Caps</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<p>That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland support the introduction of local government election campaign expenditure limits, set at \$2 per enrolled voter for mayoral elections and \$1 per enrolled voter for councillor elections, with upper expenditure limits ("ceilings") of \$200,000 for mayoral elections and \$50,000 for councillor elections and lower expenditure limits ("floors") of \$20,000 for mayoral elections and:</p> <p>a) \$15,000 for councillor elections in undivided councils; or b) \$5,000 for councillor elections in divided councils.</p>
<b>Background</b>	<p>Refer to the background to Motion 4.</p> <p>This motion represents the LGAQ Policy Executive's alternative recommendation for proposed expenditure caps.</p> <p>To avoid confusion as to what is proposed, the "floor" is not intended as a must spend. Rather, its purpose is to ensure that in smaller population councils: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayors can spend up to a maximum of \$20,000 if their council area comprises 10,000 electors or less;</li> <li>• Councillors in undivided councils can spend up to a maximum of \$15,000 if their council area comprises 15,000 electors or less;</li> <li>• Councillors in divided councils can spend up to a maximum of \$5,000 if their division comprises 5000 electors or less.</li> </ul>
<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>6. Association Matters – Regulation of Third Party Expenditure</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<p>That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland support the introduction of legislation to prevent the potential distorting influence of electoral expenditure by third parties with aligned interests.</p>
<b>Background</b>	<p>Refer to the background to Motion 4.</p> <p>The Queensland Government's proposal, as detailed in the background to motion 4, includes a proposal to permit third parties to spend the same amount as individual candidates. This has the potential to distort the election process by way of the aggregation of expenditure by a number of third parties against a particular candidate. Such an outcome would undermine the government's own reasoning for setting expenditure caps, which is "to improve transparency" and "reduce integrity risks associated with reliance on significant donations".</p>

<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>7. Association Matters – Public Campaign Funding of Local Government Elections</b>																																																																																					
<b>Motion</b>	That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the ratepayer funding of Queensland local government elections.																																																																																					
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Queensland Government has proposed a series of reforms to the Queensland local government electoral system, one of which is to introduce public campaign funding of council elections. Neither the Belcarra Report nor the Soorley Report make any recommendation in relation to this proposal.</p> <p>Under the Queensland Government's proposal, candidates, groups of candidates and political parties that receive more than 4% of first preference votes would be entitled to \$1.57 per first preference vote, up to the amount of their actual election expenditure. The proposal is that this be funded by councils by way of annual payment to ECQ, except for the 2020 local government elections. Based on current electoral rolls, the maximum expected cost burden for each council is:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNCIL</th><th>TOTAL ELECTORS (Source: 2016 electoral roll data from ECQ)</th><th>\$ 1.57 per vote (calculated on basis of Mayoral + councillor votes)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Brisbane</td><td>744,915</td><td>\$ 2,339,033</td></tr> <tr><td>Aurukun</td><td>787</td><td>\$ 2,471</td></tr> <tr><td>Balonne</td><td>3,006</td><td>\$ 9,439</td></tr> <tr><td>Banana</td><td>9,457</td><td>\$ 29,695</td></tr> <tr><td>Barcaldine</td><td>2,201</td><td>\$ 6,911</td></tr> <tr><td>Barcoo</td><td>240</td><td>\$ 754</td></tr> <tr><td>Blackall-Tambo</td><td>1,553</td><td>\$ 4,876</td></tr> <tr><td>Boulia</td><td>273</td><td>\$ 857</td></tr> <tr><td>Bulloo</td><td>231</td><td>\$ 725</td></tr> <tr><td>Bundaberg</td><td>66,468</td><td>\$ 208,710</td></tr> <tr><td>Burdekin</td><td>12,258</td><td>\$ 38,490</td></tr> <tr><td>Burke</td><td>231</td><td>\$ 725</td></tr> <tr><td>Cairns</td><td>99,479</td><td>\$ 312,364</td></tr> <tr><td>Carpentaria</td><td>1,184</td><td>\$ 3,718</td></tr> <tr><td>Cassowary</td><td>18,690</td><td>\$ 58,687</td></tr> <tr><td>Central Highlands</td><td>16,669</td><td>\$ 52,341</td></tr> <tr><td>Charters Towers</td><td>7,564</td><td>\$ 23,751</td></tr> <tr><td>Cherbourg</td><td>438</td><td>\$ 1,375</td></tr> <tr><td>Cloncurry</td><td>1,682</td><td>\$ 5,281</td></tr> <tr><td>Cook</td><td>2,415</td><td>\$ 7,583</td></tr> <tr><td>Croydon</td><td>195</td><td>\$ 612</td></tr> <tr><td>Diamantina</td><td>160</td><td>\$ 502</td></tr> <tr><td>Doomadgee</td><td>570</td><td>\$ 1,790</td></tr> <tr><td>Douglas</td><td>7,656</td><td>\$ 24,040</td></tr> <tr><td>Etheridge</td><td>562</td><td>\$ 1,765</td></tr> <tr><td>Flinders</td><td>1,171</td><td>\$ 3,677</td></tr> <tr><td>Fraser Coast</td><td>73,185</td><td>\$ 229,801</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		COUNCIL	TOTAL ELECTORS (Source: 2016 electoral roll data from ECQ)	\$ 1.57 per vote (calculated on basis of Mayoral + councillor votes)	Brisbane	744,915	\$ 2,339,033	Aurukun	787	\$ 2,471	Balonne	3,006	\$ 9,439	Banana	9,457	\$ 29,695	Barcaldine	2,201	\$ 6,911	Barcoo	240	\$ 754	Blackall-Tambo	1,553	\$ 4,876	Boulia	273	\$ 857	Bulloo	231	\$ 725	Bundaberg	66,468	\$ 208,710	Burdekin	12,258	\$ 38,490	Burke	231	\$ 725	Cairns	99,479	\$ 312,364	Carpentaria	1,184	\$ 3,718	Cassowary	18,690	\$ 58,687	Central Highlands	16,669	\$ 52,341	Charters Towers	7,564	\$ 23,751	Cherbourg	438	\$ 1,375	Cloncurry	1,682	\$ 5,281	Cook	2,415	\$ 7,583	Croydon	195	\$ 612	Diamantina	160	\$ 502	Doomadgee	570	\$ 1,790	Douglas	7,656	\$ 24,040	Etheridge	562	\$ 1,765	Flinders	1,171	\$ 3,677	Fraser Coast	73,185	\$ 229,801
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Fraser Coast	73,185	\$ 229,801																																																																																				

Gladstone	40,522	\$ 127,239
Gold Coast	352,542	\$ 1,106,982
Goondiwindi	7,313	\$ 22,963
Gympie	34,468	\$ 108,230
Hinchinbrook	8,233	\$ 25,852
Hope Vale	536	\$ 1,683
Ipswich	116,169	\$ 364,771
Isaac	11,526	\$ 36,192
Kowanyama	616	\$ 1,934
Livingstone	24,709	\$ 77,586
Lockhart River	363	\$ 1,140
Lockyer Valley	24,603	\$ 77,253
Logan	181,930	\$ 571,260
Longreach	2,668	\$ 8,378
Mackay	76,756	\$ 241,014
Mapoon	173	\$ 543
Maranoa	8,762	\$ 27,513
Mareeba	13,356	\$ 41,938
McKinlay	540	\$ 1,696
Moreton Bay	280,249	\$ 879,982
Mornington	660	\$ 2,072
Mount Isa	11,374	\$ 35,714
Murweh	2,989	\$ 9,385
Napranum	561	\$ 1,762
Noosa	38,768	\$ 121,732
North Burnett	7,059	\$ 22,165
NPARC	1,403	\$ 4,405
Palm Island	1,000	\$ 3,140
Paroo	1,198	\$ 3,762
Pompuraaw	418	\$ 1,313
Quilpie	620	\$ 1,947
Redland	103,783	\$ 325,879
Richmond	556	\$ 1,746
Rockhampton	54,340	\$ 170,628
Scenic Rim	27,811	\$ 87,327
Somerset	16,133	\$ 50,658
South Burnett	22,421	\$ 70,402
Southern Downs	25,254	\$ 79,298
Sunshine Coast	206,960	\$ 649,854
Tablelands	16,865	\$ 52,956
Toowoomba	110,214	\$ 346,072
Torres	1,789	\$ 5,617
Torres Strait	2,454	\$ 7,706
Townsville	125,147	\$ 392,962

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	<p>The LGAQ accepts that councils are responsible for paying ECQ for the conduct of council elections and it is not intended to alter that position via this motion. This motion is limited to opposing the ratepayer funding of election campaigns for individual candidates.</p>																								
<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>8. Association Matters – Mayoral Power of Direction</b>																								
<b>Motion</b>	<p>That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the proposed amendment to the legislation that will remove the power of the mayor to direct: -</p> <p>a) senior contract employees (<i>City of Brisbane Act 2010</i>); and b) senior executive employees (<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>).</p>																								
<b>Background</b>	<p>Neither the Belcarra Report nor the Soorley Report make any recommendation in relation to this proposal.</p> <p>The power of the Lord Mayor to direct senior contract employees at the Brisbane City Council (via the <i>City of Brisbane Act 2010</i> and its predecessor) has existed for many years and was extended, in 2012, to include other council mayors (under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) having the same power in relation to senior executive employees.</p> <p>It is now proposed to reduce a Mayor's powers in this regard and limit the Mayor's power of direction to the CEO, only. The LGAQ strongly supported the 2012 reforms that empowered the Mayor in this regard, and the LGAQ Policy Executive opposes the winding back of this 2012 reform.</p>																								
<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>9. Association Motion – Appointment of Senior Executive Employees</b>																								
<b>Motion</b>	<p>That the Local Government Association of Queensland, on behalf of its members, advise the Queensland Government that the Councils of Queensland oppose the proposed amendment to the legislation that will remove the power of the Mayor, in conjunction with either the Deputy Mayor or a Councillor who is a Committee Chair, to participate in the decision to appoint senior executive employees.</p>																								
<b>Background</b>	<p>Neither the Belcarra Report nor the Soorley Report make any recommendation in relation to this proposal.</p> <p>The power of the mayor, in conjunction with either the deputy mayor or applicable committee chair, to appoint senior executive employees was introduced as part of the 2012 reforms.</p> <p>It is now proposed to return that power of appointment to, solely, the CEO. The LGAQ strongly supported the 2012 reforms that empowered councillors in this regard and the LGAQ Policy Executive opposes the winding back of this 2012 reform.</p>																								

<b>Number and Title of Motion</b>	<b>10. Association Motion – Request to Queensland Government</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<p>That the President, Chief Executive Officer and Policy Executive of the LGAQ, at the earliest opportunity, request that the Queensland Government;</p> <p>(a) take heed of the position of the 77 Queensland local governments, and the communities that they represent and serve, on the issues determined at this general meeting.</p> <p>(b) Further call on the Premier to honour her public commitment to not implement reforms to local government that she is not prepared to implement to her own government.</p>
<b>Background</b>	Self-explanatory

## 15 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

#### 16.6 South Rockhampton Flood Levee Project

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) (h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget; AND other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

## 16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 16.6 SOUTH ROCKHAMPTON FLOOD LEVEE PROJECT

**File No:** PD-PRO-2018-002

**Attachments:** Nil

**Authorising Officer:** Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

**Author:** Andrew Collins - Manager Project Delivery

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#### SUMMARY

*The report provides Council with the latest status on the South Rockhampton Flood Levee (SRFL) Project.*