



13 September 2019

Cr Matthew Burnett
Mayor
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Dear Cr Burnett,

Re: Annual Conference Motions

The following motion has been submitted by Gladstone Regional Council to the Local Government Association of Queensland for inclusion in the agenda of the upcoming LGAQ Annual Conference 2019.

- Extension of Parliamentary Privilege to Local Government

The LGAQ's Annual Conference Motions Committee review all motions against the criteria for inclusion in the agenda. The committee found that while the motion itself is valid, we would strongly advise council to proceed with caution and recommend that this motion is withdrawn. At a time when local government is seeking to demonstrate its commitment to transparency and accountability, it is recommended that this does not support this message.

I would like to stress that this does not reflect a lack of concern for/or appreciation of the issue that is raised, or the challenge placed on individuals in executing their elected member responsibilities and the contrast that exists with State parliamentarians.

If you have any questions in relation to this position please don't hesitate to contact me on 07 3000 2296 or Sarah_Buckler@lgaq.asn.au.

Yours sincerely,

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