

Policy Executive endorsed motions

State Government

The following State Government-focused motions are proposed for PE endorsement. These motions reflect key advocacy asks on behalf of members for action by the State Government.

1. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to retain the current voting system for local government elections, respecting the views of Queenslanders, Queensland councils and the recommendations of the State-commissioned report into local government elections.
2. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to permanently fund the successful Works for Queensland program at a minimum of \$100 million a year, plus indexation, to give councils and local communities certainty.
3. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to fund the SEQ Stimulus program at \$50 million a year for the next four years.
4. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to reintroduce a funding program to help councils plan projects and conduct business cases, in line with the former Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline program.
5. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to:
 - establish a comprehensive and full statutory immunity / indemnity for local governments in Queensland's legislative framework (and supporting guidance) in consultation with Queensland councils, relating to natural hazards and climate change decisions and actions made in 'good faith', similar to what occurs in other jurisdictions such as under section 733 of the New South Wales Local Government Act 1993.
 - review the current minimum insurance requirements prescribed under s214 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in consultation with Queensland councils, to ensure these are contemporary and fit-for-purpose.

Federal Government

The following Federal Government-focused motions are proposed for PE endorsement.

1. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to restore Federal Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue to address the serious financial sustainability issues experienced by all councils.
2. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to permanently fund the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program at \$500 million per year, nationwide, to continue supporting the provision of job-creating projects across every local community.
3. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to commit to adopting and implementing the recommendations of the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review.
4. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to support dedicated consultation and engagement with local government as part of its commitment to the Uluru statement, enshrining an Indigenous Voice to parliament, the development of a Makarrata Commission, and constitutional recognition for First Nations People.

State and Federal Government

The following motion requiring both State and Federal government action is proposed for PE endorsement.

1. The LGAQ calls on the State and Federal Government to adopt the Local Government Housing Action Plan and work with councils to implement its six key points to help ease the housing crisis impacting Queensland communities.