

2024 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motion FOGO Implementation Pathway

Who is the key contact for this motion? (required)	Lieke Kroese – Acting Manager Strategy & Improvement
Submitting council (required)	Gladstone Regional Council
Supporting organisation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockhampton Regional Council • R7 Councils
Council resolution # (required)	<i>This will come after they go to the Council General Meeting on 16 July</i>
Date of council resolution (required)	16/07/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Does this motion have state-wide relevance? (This is a required field) - Yes	
Title of motion (required)	Clarity on the State Government’s pathway to state-wide Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) implementation.
Motion (required)	The LGAQ calls on the State Government to provide clarity on the pathway to state-wide FOGO implementation, by addressing Local Government questions relating to end markets, PFAS data and limits, regulations, costs and viability of services.
What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 200 word limit	<p>State Government communicate a concise pathway and plan for state-wide FOGO implementation that addresses the below concerns from Local Governments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product end markets • PFAS limit review and data sharing to ensure FOGO remains a viable landfill diversion option • Regulations impacting implementation, including odour control • How the State Government is helping to limit the impact of implementation to ratepayers and ensuring that FOGO services remain viable.

Background
(required) 350 word limit

The Queensland Organics Strategy 2022–2032 provides a framework for the improved management of organic materials. The goals of the strategy are intended to be reached through actions outlined in the Queensland Organics Action Plan 2022–2032.

However, a lack of clarity in the strategy or plan and subsequent communication is impacting Local Governments' ability to commit to implementation of a FOGO service.

Feasible FOGO services rely on capital investment, sufficient feedstock, suitable and compliant processing solutions, sustainable end markets and viable ongoing operations.

It is acknowledged that the State Government have invested funding to help Queensland councils implement FOGO *waste collection services* however the funding commitment does not address critical considerations for Councils including:

- Type and volume of feedstock
- Facility locations and transport costs
- Offtake markets
- Processing technology
- PFAS limits review and data
- Regulations impacting implementation, including odour control
- Facility procurement, ownership, operations, and funding models which provide greatest value for money
- How the State Government is helping to limit the impact of capital investment and ongoing costs to ratepayers and;
- Ensuring that FOGO services remain viable for Councils to maintain into the future.

Without a clear pathway that addresses the areas of concern, Local Governments

	are unable to make sound investment decisions, impacting ability to meet State waste targets and timelines.
Case study/ Example (optional) 350 word limit	