

An open letter to Queensland residents.

Queensland has 77 councils who represent the diverse interests of communities across the State.

From the outback of Boulia to our capital city in Brisbane, councils are staffed by over 40,000 Queenslanders and are supporting communities every day of the week.

From roads, rates and rubbish, to permits, parks and planning, councils make decisions which shape and influence the liveability of Queensland communities – now and into the future.

In short – they are our local voice.

We know public trust and confidence is central to strong and effective local councils.

It's why the LGAQ's 16-member Policy Executive, representing all Queensland councils, recently voted to go even further than the recent reforms recommended by the Crime and Corruption Commission in their Operation Belcarra report.

The 10-point Beyond Belcarra plan looks at additional initiatives such as capping campaign funding and supporting open data and governance innovation initiatives across Queensland's councils.

We understand local government must continue to evolve if it is to continue to meet the expectations of communities, as well as ensuring transparency remains at the heart of your local council.

We look forward to working with the State Government – quickly and purposefully – to drive our proposals forward.

On behalf of Queensland councils, we sign this open letter as a statement of our united commitment to serve the people of Queensland with honesty and integrity.

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The full list of proposals can be found at Igaq.asn.au/BeyondBelcarra

