

# Federal Election 2022

LGAQ priorities for stronger, more resilient Queensland communities



Sustaining  
Local Jobs



Strengthening  
Our Regions



Keeping  
Communities Safe



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The Bush



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Environment



Advancing  
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COMMUNITIES BEHIND!**



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**Every Queensland community contributes to the economic fabric of this nation. Every Queensland community deserves to be a liveable one.**

The 2022 Federal Election is occurring during one of the most tumultuous and challenging periods in our nation's history.

As every level of government continues to grapple with what it means to keep Australians safe and the economy resilient during a time of uncertainty and change, the importance of cooperation between sectors has never been greater.

**Now more than ever, local matters.**

That is why the Local Government Association of Queensland and Queensland's 77 councils are seeking to ensure Australia's next Federal Parliament is made up of representatives who recognise the importance of local government – and are committed to working respectfully and cooperatively with councils to support local communities.

Acting to directly improve the lives of Queenslanders by restoring Financial Assistance Grants back to at least 1% of Federal taxation will put more than \$160 million back into Queensland's local economies.

Permanently funding the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program will create local jobs, support local businesses and guarantee a continuing pipeline of works for years to come.


These are just two of a set of commitments Queensland councils are seeking from whomever forms the next Federal Government – to ensure no local community is left behind this Federal Election.

In total, committing to these priorities will create more than 8,000 jobs and generate close to \$1.5 billion in economic activity for Queenslanders.



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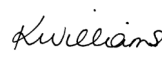
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## Sustaining Local Jobs

**Create and support more than 1,500 Queensland jobs by restoring Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs)** to at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

**Make the \$500m Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program a permanent program** to support 100s of jobs and 100s of vital projects to supercharge local economies.

**Support 800 new apprentices and trainees across Queensland** by committing \$144m over three years to the Local Government Apprentice and Trainee Partnership.



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## Strengthening Our Regions

**Give local government full membership of National Cabinet** and a guaranteed seat in other Ministerial forums, ensuring the voices of local communities are heard.

**Enhance road safety and support 1,000 jobs** by increasing the road Black Spot Program to \$200m over four years and Roads to Recovery to \$800m per year.

**Ensure supplies can get to our communities** by addressing first and last mile regional freight capacity through an additional \$300m per year for the Local Roads Investment Program.

**Create 700 jobs and improve the liveability and productivity of Australia's cities, towns and regions** by providing \$100m per year for a Smart Communities' Program to deliver innovative technology-based solutions to urban challenges.

**Improve telecommunications and address Queensland's 3,000 blackspots** by mandating mobile roaming in rural and remote communities, and giving Queensland its fair share of the \$84.8m Regional Connectivity and Mobile Black Spot funding.



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## Keeping Communities Safe

**Commit to immediately providing \$128m to deliver shovel ready disaster mitigation projects** to protect Queensland communities.

**Commit to providing \$200m per year to councils** through the National Recovery and Resilience Agency for natural disaster recovery.

**Protect Queensland's coastal communities and regional economies** by investing \$50m per year for four years for councils to implement coastal hazard adaptation initiatives.



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## Supporting Rural and Remote Communities

**Guarantee Queensland's fair share of the \$3.5b National Water Infrastructure Fund** to deliver critical water security and drought relief projects across the state.

**Commit to calling a National Housing Summit** – including all levels of government and stakeholders – to address the housing crisis affecting local communities.





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## Advancing First Nations Communities

**Increase housing supply in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities**, allocating \$100m per year for five years to reduce overcrowding and help Close the Gap across education, health, incarceration and employment.

**Review current land tenure issues that are impeding councils' capacity to deliver vital infrastructure** for the wellbeing of their communities and to facilitate greater revenue opportunities.

**Guarantee digital connectivity levels for Queensland's 17 Indigenous councils** that are comparable to the rest of Australia by ensuring these communities receive their fair share of digital connectivity funding.



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## Protecting the Environment

**Build a more sustainable future by investing \$100m per year for four years** in crucial local government circular waste innovation projects.

**Safeguard 64,000 Queensland jobs by providing \$200m per year for four years** to implement initiatives that support Queensland's 32 Reef Catchment councils to protect our Great Barrier Reef.



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