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1 June 2015

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Dear Matthew

In recent times the Lower Burdekin Landcare Association has been represented in meetings to advance areas of the town. The most recent has been the Plantation Park meeting held last Thursday, May 14 at 2:30pm, with a number of other organizations. As you are aware, our group is passionate about preserving, protecting and developing the natural beauty of this particular area. We see many advantages for our community to have resources allocated to the Park and for it to be utilised in a variety of ways from different community groups. While this concept is not new, little has been done by the Council to progress the potential of Plantation Park over the last decade. The same can be said about the street trees around the town. Many large trees have been removed and not replaced. Trees that have been planted into designated places on certain streets have fallen victim to vandalism, damage or stress and have also not been replaced.

Our group sees great potential in the idea of developing a treescape plan for the district so that the efforts of volunteer groups can work unilaterally with Council to progress our community while, at the same time, enhancing, beautifying and protecting our environment. Perhaps if we had such a plan and efforts were committed to implementing it, much more could have been achieved.

The Lower Burdekin Landcare Association would appreciate the opportunity to discuss our idea of developing a streetscape plan with Burdekin Shire Council representatives so that in years to come volunteer groups, like ourselves, can feel valued for our contribution to our local environment and to our local community.

Attached is a streetscape plan from the Western Australian town of Cambridge. The plan appears to be very detailed, comprehensive and professional. Our group believes that our district would benefit greatly by the development of such a plan and would support any action taken in this direction.

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We thank you for your consideration of our letter and we look forward to discussing our proposal in the near future.

Yours sincerely

***Keith Kiloh***

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# Circular

## Day Labour and the Australian Government's Natural Disaster Funding Reform Process - Update

### For Information

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Recent discussions and correspondence have seen support expressed for the use of day labour for reconstruction work following natural disasters, and the benefits of allowing for betterment.

The Federal Minister for Justice, the Hon. Michael Keenan wrote to the LGAQ expressing support for the use of day labour for reconstruction work following natural disasters and the benefits of allowing for betterment. The [letter](#) follows a personal discussion with LGAQ president, Cr Margaret de Wit, CEO Greg Hallam and the Minister.

The [original letter from Cr de Wit](#) to the Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss attached letters from a number of councils affected by Tropical Cyclone Marcia and noted that councils had made a compelling case for the inclusion of council day labour in NDRRA, for both emergent and restoration works.

The results of the day labour, Value for Money trial involving North Burnett following the 2013 floods was cited as an example of how recovery and reconstruction work performed by Council's own day labour was more efficient than similar work by external contractors. In his letter to the LGAQ, Minister Keenan advised that the Australian and Queensland governments are in discussions about an interim solution to day labour.

Minister Keenan has also noted that a number of important issues including day labour and betterment have been recently considered in reports tabled in Parliament by both the Productivity Commission and the Australian National Audit Office. The Minister has advised he has written to states and territories making it clear that the Government is not proposing to implement the severe cuts to recovery funding recommended by the Productivity Commission, and will consult on changes to natural disaster funding.

The Minister's letter suggests a move to a simpler model which would see the Commonwealth funding states and territories based on upfront damage and impact assessments, instead of relying on detailed and complex eligibility criteria.

*"Under this model, state and local governments would have a greater level of flexibility to spend recovery funding in the manner most suitable to local needs. Importantly, existing restrictions relating to the reimbursement of council day labour costs would no longer apply."*

This model is currently being considered by the Queensland Government and we are liaising with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority on these matters.

The LGAQ has obtained a copy of the Commonwealth's [Natural disaster funding reforms discussion paper](#) and will continue to lobby on behalf of Queensland councils. Please contact [Greg Hoffman](#), General Manager Advocacy with further enquiries on this matter 1300 542 700.

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# Circular

## Local Government Elections - Legislation Passed to Remove the Mandate for CEOS to be Returning Officers

### For Information

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The passing of the legislation means the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) will conduct local government elections as was the case in 2008 and 2012. An exception allows for the ECQ to appoint a CEO as the Returning Officer under certain conditions.

The Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (LGOLA) passed on 3 June 2015 amends the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 (LGEA) to remove the mandate for a local government CEO to be the Returning Officer for elections of the local government.

The previous government amended section 9 of the LGEA in 2014 to have a council CEO act as the returning officer for an election. While the LGAQ's preferred position is one of choice, the change was welcomed. Council CEOs did have an option to opt out under this arrangement.

Upon the election of the new government, the LGOLA was introduced to overturn this section and **have the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) conduct local government elections as was the case in 2008 and 2012**. The LGAQ provided support to the government's election commitment on the basis that the government would work with the LGAQ and councils directly to reduce the financial impact and ensure the 2016 elections are run efficiently. The LGAQ has already met with the ECQ in this regard and will continue to meet bi-monthly to ensure the efficient and cost-effective operation of the forthcoming elections.

*An exception allows for the ECQ to appoint a CEO as the RO if they are the only person reasonably available in a community to perform the role with the necessary experience in conducting local government elections, provided the CEO is not a member of a political party.*

The Bill also removes the sunset clause for the continuation of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority after 30 June 2015. The Authority was established to ensure communities affected by Tropical Cyclone Marcia received the necessary assistance in rebuilding and recovery.

Any questions about these matters can be directed to [Stephan Bohnen](#), Principal Advisor - Intergovernmental Relations 1300 542 700.

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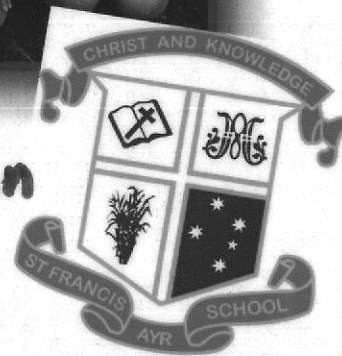


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**FOR SPONSORING OUR SECTION AT THE**  
**BURDEKIN EISTEDDFOD 2015.**  
**FROM ST FRANCIS SCHOOL- CLASS 5DJ**

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Olivia  
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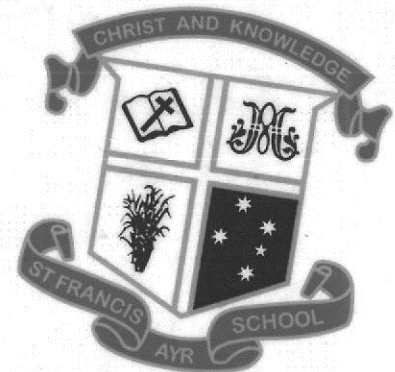
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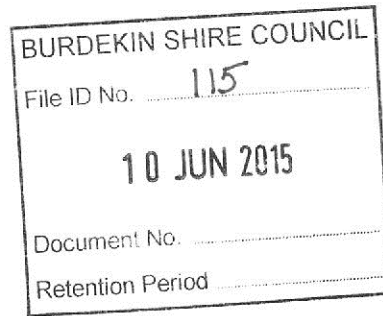


Premier of Queensland  
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Dear Councillor Lowis

I am pleased to announce the 2016 Australian of the Year Awards are now open for nomination.

Queenslanders are inspiring, passionate and generous people and the Australian of the Year Awards are a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of these individuals on a national stage.

These awards help us recognise that a source of Queensland's enormous potential is our people. Nominations can be made across four categories:

- Queensland Australian of the Year
- Queensland Senior Australian of the Year
- Queensland Young Australian of the Year
- Queensland Local Hero.

Nominations are open until Saturday 1 August 2015, with Queensland recipients announced later this year. These recipients will then represent our State at the national awards ceremony held on the eve of 2016 Australia Day in Canberra.

I encourage you to promote and nominate an inspirational Queenslander for their significant contribution to our nation. To submit a nomination, or for information about previous award recipients, please visit the website at [www.australianoftheyear.org.au](http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au).

For further information, please contact Ms Zoe Thoroddsson, Events Coordination, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email at [australiaday@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:australiaday@premiers.qld.gov.au) or on telephone (07) 3003 9121.

I look forward to highlighting the accomplishments of the remarkable Queenslanders who make Australia a great place to live.

Yours sincerely

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP  
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to thank you for generously sponsoring the Burdekin Eisteddfod this year.

I was fortunate enough to be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 10 years and under classical improvisation dance solo which you kindly sponsored.

I am very pleased with my medal!

Thank you again.

Yours faithfully,



**Miss Freya Boggild**

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Dear Burdekin Shire Council,

Thank you very much for  
sponsoring our section,  
12 years and Under Piano  
Duet/Trio, in the Eisteddfod.  
Morgan and I were  
very happy to receive  
a second place silver medal  
for our piece called  
'Allegro in E Minor'.

Kind Regards,  
Jessica Cox

P.O. Box 2439

To Whom it may concern,

I have just competed in the  
Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod and came  
1st in 11 years tap solo. Which was  
Sponsored by Burdekin Shire Council.  
I wish to thank you for your  
Support.

From Rory Jorgensen.



## Finance and Administration Committee

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Re: Inquiry into the *Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015*

The Legislative Assembly recently referred the *Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015* to the Finance and Administration Committee for its consideration. The Committee is required to report on the Bill by Monday 10 August 2015.

The policy objectives of the Bill, as outlined in the explanatory notes, are:

- to give effect to the Government's pre-election commitment 'Honouring the real Labour Day' by restoring the Labour Day public holiday to the first Monday in May. The commitment also provided for the movement of the Queen's Birthday public holiday from June to October; and
- to support the implementation of an online application service for high risk work (HRW) licences using electronic identity verification and the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (DTMR) digital bank of customer image sets and card production processes.

The Committee is currently calling for submissions on the Bill and invites your organisation to make a written submission on any matter addressed by the Bill. The closing date for submissions is **4:00pm on Tuesday 7 July 2015**. Submissions may be sent to the Committee by email, mail or facsimile. A copy of the Guidelines for Submissions is attached for your information.

The Committee will also be holding a departmental briefing on Wednesday 15 July 2015 (9:45am to 10:45am). It is intended that the hearing will be broadcast via the following link: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/Committee-Hearing-Broadcast?committee=FAC>

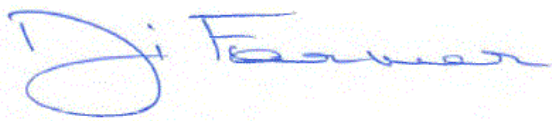
Depending on the content of submissions received, the Committee may consider holding a public hearing to clarify certain matters. For planning purposes, it is anticipated that the public hearing will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015. The Committee will advise submitters, as soon as practicable after the closing date of submissions, of the details of the public hearing.



Additional information, including links to the Bill, Explanatory Notes and the Minister's introductory speech can be obtained from the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/FAC/inquiries/current-inquiries/B5-HolidaysOLAB15>

If there are any queries about this letter or the Committee's work, please do not hesitate to contact the committee secretariat on telephone 07 3406 7576 or email at [fac@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:fac@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Di Farmer', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Di Farmer MP  
Chair

# Circular

## 2015-16 Australian Government Funding Programs for Local Government

### For Information

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Opening address by Hon Warren Truss MP at National General Assembly included mention of the Bridges Renewal, National Stronger Regions, Roads to Recovery and Black Spot programmes funding.

During his opening address to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Warren Truss MP, noted a number of Australian Government funding programmes that would be available to local governments in 2015-16. The key programmes include:

- Bridges Renewal Programme – up to \$100 million in the [second round](#) for bridge upgrade projects and is **exclusively available to local governments** – registrations to receive the guidelines and application forms open today by emailing the Department at [bridgesrenewal@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:bridgesrenewal@infrastructure.gov.au)

LGAQ has contacted the Department and confirmed that applications open 1 July and will close on 31 August. The Department advised that there will also be some revision of guidelines and forms for round two and that these will be sent out to registrants via their email when available. While the importance of local bridges will be appreciated by council, close adherence to the guidelines will improve the likelihood of projects being funded.

- National Stronger Regions - \$1 billion in funding for priority infrastructure projects over the next five years. Round Two is currently open until July 31. In his speech the Deputy Prime Minister noted there would be a special category for smaller proposals under to benefit council supported proposals.
- Roads to Recovery programmes – confirming the one-time, double payments to councils in 2015-16 which amounts to \$700 million across Australia;
- The Black Spot Programme – confirming commitment to provide an additional \$200 million over 2015–16 and 2016–17.

View the [Minister's media release](#).

If you would like to discuss any of these matters please contact [Greg Hoffman PSM](#), General Manager Advocate, LGAQ on 1300 542 700.