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**From:** Heric, Mejrema  
**Sent:** 2 Mar 2017 13:14:28 +1000  
**To:** Email Registration  
**Subject:** FW: Railway Land - Inkerman - 355SB555 - CPS-688-100(1)

Attention- Chief Executive Officer

I noticed that Matthew Magin no longer is the CEO of Burdekin Shire Council.

Could you please forward the below email as an FYI to the new CEO?

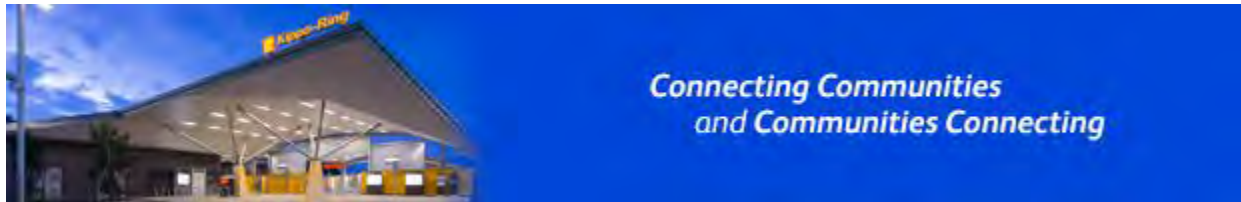
Thankyou  
Mejrema



**Mejrema Heric**

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From: Heric, Mejrema  
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To: 'Matthew.Magin@burdekin.qld.gov.au'  
Cc: Becin, Ognjen  
Subject: FW: Railway Land - Inkerman - 355SB555 - CPS-688-100(1)

Hi Matthew,

I would like to inform you that Queensland Rail has applied to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) in order to relinquish our trustee rights over Railway Reserve R50, known as Lot 355 on CP SB555 at Inkerman.

The application has been with the DNRM since early October 2016 and I have received information that DNRM expect that the amending of the trusteeship from Queensland Rail to Burdekin Shire Council should be effective by the end of April 2017.

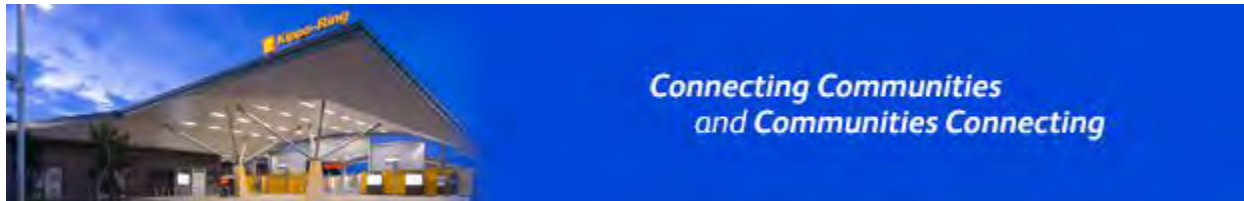
Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Paula Thomas from DNRM Townsville office on telephone number (07) 4447 9180 or [Paula.Thomas@dnrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Paula.Thomas@dnrm.qld.gov.au)

Regards  
Meja



**Mejrema Heric**

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From: Matthew Magin [<mailto:Matthew.Magin@burdekin.qld.gov.au>]  
Sent: Wednesday, 31 August 2016 1:45 PM  
To: Breikers, Tahnee  
Subject: RE: Railway Land - Inkerman - 355SB555 - CPS-688-100(1)

Thanks Tahnee much appreciated.

Say g'day to Andrew Matthews for me please.

Cheers,

**Matthew Magin**  
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Please consider the environment before printing this mail note... thanks

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From: Breikers, Tahnee [<mailto:Tahnee.Breikers@qr.com.au>]  
Sent: Wednesday, 31 August 2016 1:41 PM  
To: Matthew Magin  
Cc: Becin, Ognjen; Mitchell, Michael  
Subject: Railway Land - Inkerman - 355SB555 - CPS-688-100(1)

Dear Mr Magin,

I refer to your email of 29 August 2016 to Michael Mitchell, Queensland Rail's Regional General Manager in Townsville in connection with the Council application dated 27 June 2016 to have the Trusteeship of Railway (Quarry) Reserve R50 relinquished by Queensland Rail Limited (QR) and "transferred" to the Burdekin Shire Council for recreational purposes.

The subject Railway (Quarry) Reserve R50 is described as Lot 355 on SB555 and contains a total area of 21.8 hectares. The Reserve is currently under the Trusteeship of QR.

I am pleased to advise that QR has completed its internal investigations and advise that the subject land is surplus to QR's operational requirements and can be surrendered to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) for future dealings with the Council. The surrender of the land is subject to the approval of QR's Senior Manager Property. This approval will be sought as soon as possible.

Following approval, QR will arrange to finalise the surrender of the land to DNRM and you will be advised accordingly once the surrender has been effected.

Any future enquiries regarding the proposed surrender of Railway Reserve R50 to DNRM should be directed to Ognjen Becin, Senior Tenure Officer on phone number (07) 3072 0823 (copied into this email).

In the meantime, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Tahnee



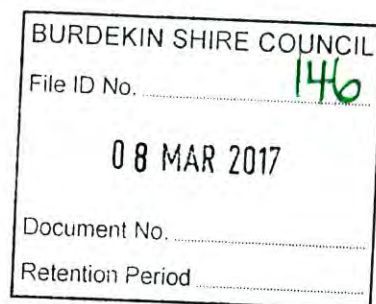
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7 March 2017

Mrs Lyn McLaughlan  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
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Dear Lyn

This year is the Lower Burdekin Celtic Dancing Association Inc's turn to host the Queensland Highland Dancing Championships on behalf of Far North Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc.

In previous years, each North Queensland Highland Dancing committee took their turn to organise and run these prestigious competitions, but with fewer numbers in each town to do this, the FNQRCHDI has taken on board the management and financial funding of the Championships and Competitions with each area now hosting the events in turn. All NQ studios are rostered to do each competition task.

The Samaratan Hall at St Francis School has been booked and the events will take place on Easter Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

On behalf of FNQRCHDI, may I invite you to participate in the opening of the competitions? I am also inviting Mr Last, which will give the day a great flavour.

We will have competitors from all over Queensland including the South East corner and as in previous years, we are expecting dancers from interstate as well.

I have had the Advocate contact me regarding a potential write up for the event and they seem keen to follow up on the day. More magic for the Burdekin!

I am looking forward to hearing from you, Lyn.

Yours faithfully

  
(Mrs) Cheryl Medley  
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02 March 2017

Cr Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
PO Box 974  
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Dear Cr McLaughlin,

**RE: Invitation to be a part of the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils Program**

I would like to personally invite your council to be one of twenty Queensland local governments to take advantage of the newly established Queensland Climate Resilient Councils (Q CRC) program.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is working with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) to deliver the Q CRC program, which has been designed to support local governments to plan for and build resilience to, the impacts of climate change. The three year program will be providing free services, delivering new tools and resources and providing two grants to councils wishing to develop climate change strategies. A program flyer is attached for your information.

Initially, the program is focusing on the foundations of effective decision making. All good leaders understand that strong leadership must be supported by strong governance. Without the right governance arrangements in place, decision-making – particularly in diverse and complex organisations like councils – can lose focus and high priority goals and objectives suffer.

**To kick off the program, I'd like to invite you to apply for a free elected member face to face briefing and governance assessment.**

The face to face briefing provides an opportunity for your council and executive management team to receive the most up to date information about climate projections for your region and discuss how the impacts may affect your council's priorities with relevant topic experts. The experts available can cover: legal and liability issues; insurance; financial risks; economic implications; and infrastructure and social considerations.

Climate Planning, a recognised leader in local government climate change governance, has been engaged to work with councils on their governance assessments. A number of Queensland local governments have already independently undertaken governance assessments and found them to be valuable for identifying improvements for decision making to respond to existing hazards as well as future ones.

The LGAQ has been funded to deliver **only 20** briefings and governance assessments, so I encourage you to fill in and submit the attached application form quickly to avoid missing out. Briefings will start from late March. If you have any further questions, please contact the Program Manager, Ms Dorean Erhart at [dorean\\_erhart@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:dorean_erhart@lgaq.asn.au) or (07) 3000 2202.

Yours sincerely



**Mayor Mark Jamieson**  
PRESIDENT

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Cc:Mr Terry Brennan, Chief Executive Officer, Burdekin Shire Council



## The Q CRC purpose

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection have established a partnership to support local governments in Queensland to plan for and respond to climate change.

The Q CRC is a three year program working with Queensland local governments to strengthen internal council decision-making processes to respond to climate change.

## Why is this program needed?

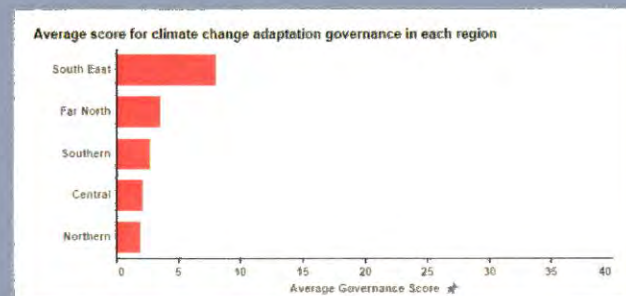
The best available science tells us that our climate is changing and the impacts of this will affect the way we work, live and play, but we can adapt to such changes and still enjoy our lifestyles and stay safe.

All good leaders understand that strong leadership must be supported by strong governance. Without the right governance arrangements in place, decision-making - particularly in diverse and complex organisations like councils - loses focus, and high priority goals and objectives suffer.



In 2016, the Queensland Government undertook a statewide desktop assessment of local government governance arrangements and found that councils need to strengthen critical frameworks for climate resilience decision-making.

Ten indicators were reviewed and scored according to a practice standard ranging from 'none' (score 0) through to 'advanced' (score 40). The best performing councils achieved 'Basic Practice' level, well below the 'Good Practice Benchmark'.



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Individual council scores are available on request.

## Free services to councils

The Q CRC program is offering the first 20 councils that apply, a free:

### 1. Face to face climate briefing

The program provides an opportunity to discuss the impacts of climate change on your council's priorities through free face to face meetings with relevant experts.

Each face to face briefing will provide your council and executive management team, information about climate projections for your region and how changes may impact your council's priorities. The experts can cover: legal and liability issues; insurance; financial risks; economic; infrastructure and social considerations.

### 2. Detailed governance assessment

The Governance Assessments will assess and rate 15 governance indicators against world leading practice standards and provide clear recommendations on how you can improve.

Only publicly available information was considered in the statewide governance assessments, meaning some councils are possibly integrating climate change more effectively than the results suggest.





Each governance assessment will review available documents, interview key staff and survey council officers to provide the participating council with an in-depth report of findings and recommendations. The LGAQ has engaged Climate Planning, a recognised leader in local government climate change governance, to undertake this work.



### 3. Leading practice resources for councillors and staff

In 2017/18 the Program will provide leading practice resources for planning and decision making for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

A scan and review of existing national and international resources and tools will be undertaken in year 2 of the program. Using existing resources as a basis, a tailored package of best available tools and materials will be developed in consultation with participating councils.

### 4. Grants to pilot 2 Local Government Climate Change Strategies

In 2018/19 the Program will provide leading practice guidance for the development of Local Government Climate Change Strategies and two grants from a total fund of \$125K to councils wishing to pilot the development of a multi-sectoral climate change strategy in their local government area or at a regional scale.

## How to participate

The services are open to all Queensland councils, however, available funding allows **only 20 councils to receive these services for free.**

To receive a free governance assessment, your council must first participate in a face to face briefing.

Council may request both when they apply.

Only councils that have received a face to face briefing and undertaken a governance assessment will be eligible to apply for a grant to undertake a pilot local government climate change strategy.

## How to apply

Contact Ms Dorean Erhart, Program Manager - Q CRC, on:

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OR

Go to the Q CRC program website at:  
<http://qcrc.lgaq.asn.au> and fill in an application form.





## APPLICATION FORM

This form is to be used by Queensland local governments wishing to receive a Q CRC:

- Face to Face Climate Change Briefing
- Climate Change Governance Assessment

The Q CRC has been funded to deliver **20 free** face to face briefings and governance assessments to Queensland local governments.

**Councils may apply for both a Face to Face briefing and a Governance Assessment at the same time using this application form.**

### 1. Eligibility for a Face to Face briefing

All Queensland local governments are eligible to apply for a Face to Face climate change briefing.

Your Mayor and CEO must approve the request as the briefings are specifically intended for councillors and the executive management team.

#### What happens at a Face to Face briefing?

The 2 hour Face to Face briefing will provide your council and executive management team information about climate projections for your region and the opportunity to discuss how these changes may impact your council's priorities with relevant experts.

We will confirm your council's priorities ahead of the briefing to select the most appropriate experts.

The available experts can cover: legal and liability issues; insurance; financial risks; economic; infrastructure and social considerations.

#### What happens if more than 20 councils apply for a briefing?

If more than 20 councils apply for a Face to Face briefing, councils will be selected according to criteria developed with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

### 2. Eligibility for a Governance Assessment

To be eligible for a free detailed Governance Assessment, your council must either:

- Have participated in a Q CRC Face to Face briefing; or
- Demonstrate that its current leadership already has an understanding of climate impacts and a commitment to progressing actions to build resilience.

Examples of how a council can demonstrate its current leadership's understanding and commitment include:

- Briefings made to council and the executive management team;
- Development of a council policy or strategy to address climate change, future resilience or sustainability (where it includes consideration of future hazards and emissions reduction);
- Budget allocation to implement an existing policy or strategy addressing climate change, future resilience or sustainability (where it includes consideration of future hazards and emissions reduction).

#### What is delivered in a Governance Assessment?

Only publicly available information was considered in the statewide governance assessments, meaning some councils are possibly integrating climate change more

effectively than the results suggest.

The detailed Governance Assessments will assess and rate 15 governance indicators against world leading practice standards and provide clear recommendations for improvement.

Each Governance Assessment reviews relevant council documents, interviews key staff and surveys council officers to provide the participating council with an in-depth report of findings.

The findings and recommendations will be provided in a static report and through a series of dynamic dashboards on Informed.City™, a visualisation tool developed by Climate Planning, who are recognised leaders in local government climate change governance.

Climate Planning will present the results to council and the executive management team, providing an opportunity to explore the outcomes and their implications in more depth.

The Governance Assessments will allow you to compare your council against other similar councils' results in the statewide governance assessment.

Please visit <http://qcrc.lgaq.asn> for more information.

#### Still have questions?

Please call Ms Dorean Erhart on 3000 2202 or 0408 774 495



## APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and return the form to: [dorean\\_erhart@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:dorean_erhart@lgaq.asn.au)

Council name:	
Contact name:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Wishing to receive:	Face to Face briefing
	Governance Assessment <i>(If you are applying without a prior face to face briefing, please attach examples demonstrating current leadership's understanding and commitment – see page 1)</i>
	Both
Mayor & CEO approval:	Confirmed
	Pending

## FACE TO FACE MEETINGS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Council priorities: (optional)		
Preferred days/dates	<i>(if possible, please supply preferred dates and times at least 2 weeks from the date of the application)</i>	
	DATE	TIME



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6th March 2017

Cr Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
PO Box 974  
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## RE: ANZAC DAY 2017

With reference to the above, an invitation is extended to you to participate in the planned Ceremonies. The relevant event and times are shown on the attached programme.

It you be most appreciated if you could perform the Welcoming Address at the Main ANZAC Park Service.

You or your representatives are invited to take part in the following wreath laying ceremonies.

1. The Dawn Parade Service at ANZAC Park
2. The Brandon Service at Brandon Park
3. The Main Anzac Service to be held in ANZAC park and
4. To be present on the Saluting Dias during the main march.

Breakfast will also be served at the Ayr ANZAC Memorial Club after the dawn service and you are cordially invited to attend. Please phone me on 47831283 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

John Robinson  
Manager/Secretary  
AYR ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB INC

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David Christensen  
Dan Nicholls  
Ayr RSL Sub-Branch

# **ANZAC Day**

## **Program**

1. 0440 Coffee Royal, ANZAC Club
2. 0520 Fall in Ayr Post Office
3. 0530 Dawn Service ANZAC Park
4. 0545 Return to Ayr Post Office  
dismiss and return to ANZAC Club
5. 0600 to 0715 Breakfast ANZAC Club
6. 0730 to 0750 Ayr Cemetery Service
7. 0800 to 0830 Brandon Service
8. 0845 Fall in at Coles for main parade
9. 0845 School children etc. Fall in at Coles  
for main parade
10. 0900 Main Parade March off
11. 0920 to 1010 Service ANZAC Park
12. 1020 Bus to Home Hill Parade
13. 1300 Return from Home Hill



JOHN WOODS  
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The CEO  
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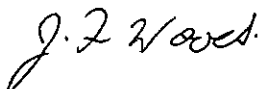
Dear Terry

In accordance with the wishes of Council expressed in various resolutions on the subject. I write to formally advise of my intention to resign as Deputy Mayor effective as at midnight on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

I have enjoyed my term as Deputy and the close working relationship I have developed with the Mayor, Yourself and your staff. I trust that the other Councillors planning to fulfil this role will also enjoy their time in this position.

I ask that you convey this information to Council.

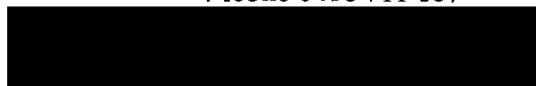
Yours Sincerely



John Woods

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Resignation as Deputy Mayor





AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

7 March 2017

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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

I am writing to you to seek your assistance.

In January, ALGA provided its submission to the Commonwealth Government to assist in the development of the 2017-18 Federal Budget. I am now enclosing a copy of that submission to inform you of the key strategic priorities in which ALGA is urging the Commonwealth to invest - priorities which reflect the aspirations of your council and your state or territory local government association.

The submission is titled *Investment in Tomorrow's Communities* and the recommendations contained within are designed to support our councils and communities to grow and develop into the future.

ALGA's number one priority is to ensure that the Government keeps its commitment to restore indexation to Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) in the 2017-18 Federal Budget. This is an issue that impacts on every council in the nation.

By the Government's own estimates, the 2014-15 freeze on indexation to FAGs will see councils miss out on around \$925 million in funding over the four years to 30 June 2018. This is funding that councils such as your own could have used to maintain local community infrastructure and fund crucial community services.

Although the 2016-17 Federal Budget indicated that the Government intends to restore indexation in the coming financial year, there are no guarantees and neither the local government sector, nor your council, should take this outcome for granted.

While I and the ALGA team are lobbying at the Federal level on your behalf, I urge you to give our campaign a local flavour and meet with your local Federal Parliamentary representative(s) to explain the impact the freeze has had on your community, and how much more you will be able to do if the freeze is ended in this year's Federal Budget.

You can also help our national advocacy efforts by contacting your Federal Parliamentary representatives through our online campaign website: [www.endthefreeze.com](http://www.endthefreeze.com)

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Your assistance at the local level is vital to ensuring every local Federal representative is able to speak on your behalf in their respective party rooms and budget discussions about the importance of this funding stream, its deterioration in recent years, and the fundamental need to restore indexation.

Your advocacy will complement and reinforce the lobbying ALGA is doing on your behalf with the Prime Minister, senior ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, shadow ministers, party leaders and officials. Your efforts will also ensure that Federal MPs and Senators know your council's experiences during the freeze first hand, and understand why restoring FAGs indexation will not only support your community, but the role of your community in the national economy.

In addition to this core issue there are a number of other strategic partnerships that ALGA is promoting on behalf of your community in its budget submission that will not only support local communities but could boost national GDP by \$5.5 billion and create more than 45,000 new jobs.

One of these proposals is ALGA's call for the Government to establish a Local Freight Productivity Investment Plan, to be funded at \$200 million per annum over the next five years. The plan is designed to ensure that first/last mile and freight connectivity issues are addressed to improve national productivity. This plan will directly unlock local and regional productivity improvements through investment that enhances access for freight vehicles and boosts connectivity between local roads and preferred state and national freight routes.

I encourage you to read the budget submission, where ALGA is calling on the Government to partner with the sector to:

- ensure the ongoing financial stability of Local Government;
- support local transport networks to aid economic growth;
- mitigate the risks of a changing climate and the impacts from natural disasters; and
- increase the liveability of our communities through improved local infrastructure.

Your support and advocacy at the local level for any of all the proposals put forward by ALGA will provide substantial leverage and help give the next Federal Budget the local focus that our communities need and deserve.

I encourage you to arrange a meeting with your local Federal representative(s) at your earliest opportunity, and preferably before the end of March which is the critical month for budget deliberations.

Yours Sincerely



Mayor David O'Loughlin  
ALGA President





## Deb Frecklington MP

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14 March 2017

Cr Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
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Dear Cr McLaughlin *Lyn*

### **POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT: ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS**

The LNP has announced that it will re-instate the Royalties for Regions program that was cut by the Palaszczuk Labor Government.

The Royalties for Regions program will be a \$500 million program that will ensure our regional communities once again share in the benefits of the wealth they create. The upgraded Royalties for Regions fund will focus on projects that:

- foster job creation in rural and regional Queensland;
- lead to more investment in the regions; and
- help rural and regional communities become economically sustainable.

Under this new program, local governments and stakeholder groups will all be encouraged to submit their projects. To give Councils the first opportunity at the new Royalties for Regions program, the LNP is seeking expressions of interest from Local Governments.

All projects will need to demonstrate community support and benefits, ongoing viability, value for money and improvements to community infrastructure.

I encourage your Council to review the LNP's new Royalties for Regions program and submit an expression of interest using the **attached** template.

If elected to Government at the next state election, we want to work with you to build a better Queensland.

If you would like more information, your officers can contact Mr Matthew Jeffries in my office on (07) 3838 6767.

Yours sincerely

**DEB FRECKLINGTON MP**  
**Deputy Leader of the Opposition**  
**Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, State Development, Trade and Investment**

## Royalties for the Regions - Expression of Interest

Project Title	Project description	Project benefits	Estimated capital cost	Proposed funding contributions from other parties

*Additional information can be provided in attachments*





# ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

**Ensuring Regional Communities get a Fair Share**

**A Tim Nicholls led LNP Government will reinstate the flagship *Royalties for Regions* program to boost jobs and help regional communities meet critical infrastructure needs.**

The LNP's commitment to restore *Royalties for Regions* will help unlock the economic potential of regional Queensland to improve our communities and build a better Queensland.

## The Problem

Queensland infrastructure investment has stagnated under a Labor Government stuck in neutral. Over a four-year period capital spending has been slashed by \$3 billion, with regional communities particularly feeling the brunt of this cutback.

Labor abolished the previous *Royalties for the Regions* program, demonstrating a lack of commitment to regional development. For over two years the Palaszczuk Labor Government has failed to act while our regions deal with significant economic challenges. Youth unemployment in large parts of regional Queensland is more than 20 per cent.

## Our Record

In 2012, realising regional Queensland had been denied the infrastructure investment it desperately needed to keep up with growth and provide jobs, the LNP announced the flagship *Royalties for the Regions* program.

Between 2012 and 2015 *Royalties for the Regions* invested in 147 regional community infrastructure, road and flood mitigation projects with a combined value of more than \$790 million.

While designed to be flexible and responsive to emerging local government and regional development priorities, the program was particularly targeted at helping communities to better manage the impacts of resources sector development.

## Our Real Plan

A Tim Nicholls led LNP Government will reinstate the new \$500 million *Royalties for Regions* program to ensure our regional communities can once again share in the benefits of the wealth they create.

The upgraded *Royalties for Regions* fund will focus on projects that:

- Foster job creation in rural and regional Queensland
- Lead to more investment in the regions, and
- Help rural and regional communities become economically sustainable.

Under this new scheme, local governments and stakeholder groups will be encouraged to submit their projects.

All projects will need to demonstrate community support and benefits, ongoing viability, value for money and improvements to community infrastructure.

Through *Royalties for Regions*, the LNP will provide liveable communities and build the roads, bridges and dams we need.



# ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is *Royalties for Regions*?

*Royalties for Regions* is our flagship program designed to invest in new and improved community infrastructure, roads and floodplain security projects to benefit people living, working and investing in Queensland's regions.

*Royalties for Regions* is a competitive grants program that provides support for regional communities to help deliver infrastructure projects that address identified local needs and build regional communities.

### How will it be different to the original *Royalties for the Regions* program?

Previously *Royalties for Regions* was open to all local councils in regional Queensland. The program is now being extended to stakeholder groups in those regions. For the purposes of the program, regional Queensland comprises all local government areas outside of South East Queensland.

Applications will now be considered in a clear, two-stage process (see below).

All *Royalties for Regions* projects will also now be subject to Cabinet consideration, reflecting the importance of these critical infrastructure projects.

### How will the application process work?

The application process is also being improved, with a clear, two-stage process:

- **Expression of interest (EOI)** – information required will focus on project eligibility, demand or need for the project, and its strategic merit; and
- **Detailed assessment** – detailed project information will be required including project costs, deliverability, risk management and the financial case.

Councils will now only have to develop business cases and detailed plans after they are successful in the EOI phase.

Under this new scheme, stakeholder groups will now be encouraged to submit proposals. Recognising these groups may not have the resources to properly prepare detailed business cases, we will provide support to proposals successful in stage one to help projects progress through stage two.

### How will the final assessment process work?

The Minister will bring forward the final list of projects eligible for funding in each round of the program for Cabinet consideration. This will enhance decision-making and ensure critical infrastructure projects are given the attention and consideration they deserve.

### How will the Government assess effectiveness of the program?

An LNP Government will publish an annual evaluation report on each *Royalties for Regions* round.

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### *ANZAC DAY 2017*

16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Dear Lyn,

The Home Hill RSL invite you once again to attend the  
Anzac Day ceremonies, this year, on the Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

You are most welcome to offer an inspiring tribute during the cenotaph ceremony.

The schedule is as follows:

5.25 am Dawn Parade @ Memorial Hall

6.00 am Cemetery Parade.

7.30 am Gunfire Breakfast.

10.45 am Main Parade, Anzac Park. (assemble @ Memorial Hall)

Many thanks for your contribution to the Sub Branch Cenotaph Ceremony.

Yours faithfully  
Allan Petersen

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Queensland Fire and  
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Mayor Lyn McLaughlin  
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Dear Mayor McLaughlin

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) is committed to creating safe and resilient communities and to minimising the impact and consequences of emergencies on the people, property, environment and economy of Queensland.

QFES is also committed to working with our many stakeholders and partners to deliver on this responsibility and to recognise the critical relationships and roles we all perform to achieve this shared outcome for the State.

Following the recent meetings Regional Assistant Commissioners have had in various locations across the state, QFES wishes to further develop our shared approach with you toward Emergency Management. QFES is focusing on engagement to strengthen our relationship, and to look at ways we can work better together to achieve our shared objectives.

QFES is undertaking a program of work to ensure that its Emergency Management policy, processes and supporting systems provides a strong foundation for this activity and that there is a collaborative, cooperative engagement strategy in place for this work to be completed.

Furthermore, we are working together so there is clarity in our roles and responsibilities, and support tools are in place for all levels of Emergency Management in Queensland. Regional Assistant Commissioners will be leading this process and working with local staff.

In response to feedback, an area of focus has been the Disaster Management Guidelines. The department will deliver updates to 10 QFES-owned Disaster Management Guidelines and one guide in the coming weeks to provide currency of practice in the form of 11 Addendums, which will be published on the Disaster Management website ([www.disaster.qld.gov.au](http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au)).

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This interim strategy has purposely been designed to ensure efficiency in the delivery of updated information for and to our stakeholders while QFES undertakes broad and more detailed consultation on the future design and delivery of guidelines.

Should you require any further information in relation to this activity, please contact Assistant Commissioner Steve Grant, Emergency Management Directorate, QFES on telephone (07) 3635 3432 or email [steve.grant@qfes.qld.gov.au](mailto:steve.grant@qfes.qld.gov.au).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing cooperation in undertaking this critical work and for the valuable support you continue to provide QFES in delivering Emergency Management services and outcomes for the people of Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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Katarina Carroll APM  
**Commissioner**



Minister for Housing and Public Works  
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Councillor Lyn McLaughlin  
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Dear Mayor

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the role that sport and recreation plays in building social and inclusive benefits for individuals and communities. Local Governments play a significant part in building those inclusive communities through sport and recreation.

We also recognise the changing nature of the way people recreate and are committed to giving Queenslanders access to a wider range of local quality sporting and active recreation infrastructure.

One of my key priorities as Minister for Sport will be to ensure that into the future, that our infrastructure and participation grants meet our goals and objectives.

To assist, I encourage you to write to me with your feedback on the Get in the Game initiative and other programs such as *Get Playing Plus* and the *Sport and Recreation Planning Program*.

At the national level, I am determined to work with my Commonwealth, state and territory counterparts to ensure we support our high performance athletics, increase physical literacy for students, achieve gender equality in sport and continue to support our indigenous communities.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Philip Halton, Chief of Staff on (07) 3719 7270.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in my new capacity as Minister for Sport in addition to my existing role, Minister for Housing and Public Works.

Yours sincerely

Mick de Brenni MP  
Minister for Housing and Public Works and  
Minister for Sport

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Councillor Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
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Dear Councillor McLaughlin

As you would be aware, Queensland's new planning system will commence on 3 July 2017. The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) has been working closely with your council to enable a smooth transition so your council is ready and able to take advantage of the benefits of the new planning system.

Given the effort involved in understanding the attributes of the new planning system and what your council needs to do to ensure the planning scheme and related systems will work effectively from 1 July 2017, support to date has concentrated on your council's business readiness.

**Your council's transition status**

Your council will rely on transitional provisions in the new legislation to transition your planning scheme. The department has also offered up to \$40,000 for council to put towards its development assessment system transition.

**Supporting improvement and innovation**

With business readiness work now well in hand, it is timely that our focus widens to looking for improvement and innovation opportunities in council planning practices, products and systems. This government is committed to meaningfully contributing to this.

I am pleased to announce the release of the \$4.5 million Innovation and Improvement Fund that will offer financial assistance to councils to enable new and improved ways of 'doing planning'. Round one applications will be accepted for a 10 week period, closing on 5pm Friday 26 May 2017.

To help councils make the most of this opportunity, a series of forums will be convened across the state to assist council teams to consider the type of improvements and innovations that could form the basis of a suitable funding application and deliver lasting benefits to both council and community.

More information and the fund guidelines are available at [www.dilgp.qld.gov.au](http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au) by clicking on (1) Planning, (2) Planning Reform, (3) System, and (4) Supporting innovation and improvement.

### **State improvements to support the planning system**

I also challenged the department to identify ways to improve and innovate so we can better support Queenslanders in the planning system. From this review, the department will launch two new initiatives from commencement that includes a new eplanning portal and a community engagement toolkit.

The eplanning portal will provide a significantly improved platform for local government to use when interacting with the department; while also helping the community better understand planning using a range of contemporary methods. The department will be speaking with your teams about the portal in the coming weeks.

A fundamental aspect of any planning system is effective and genuine community engagement. To support local government deliver this consistently across the state, I have commissioned the development of a draft planning consultation toolkit.

This toolkit aims to assist councils by providing the most up-to-date information on engagement methods and tools in the planning processes. I welcome your council's feedback on the draft toolkit until 5pm Friday 9 June 2017 at [bestplanning@dilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:bestplanning@dilgp.qld.gov.au).

More information and the draft planning consultation toolkit are available at [www.dilgp.qld.gov.au](http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au) by clicking on (1) Planning, (2) Planning Reform, (3) System, and (4) Enhanced public participation.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr James Coutts, Executive Director, Policy and Statutory Planning in the department on 3452 7673 or by email at [james.coutts@dilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:james.coutts@dilgp.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**JACKIE TRAD MP**  
**DEPUTY PREMIER**  
**Minister for Transport and**  
**Minister for Infrastructure and Planning**

# Ayr State High School



17 March 2017

Burdekin Shire Council  
Cr Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
PO Box 974  
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Dear Cr Lyn McLaughlin

Ayr State High School holds a proud tradition of conducting an annual ANZAC DAY Ceremony to recognise, celebrate and remember the contributions all Australians have made to the defence, allied defence and peace keeping efforts that have contributed to our Australian culture.

In 2017 our school will be conducting our ANZAC DAY Ceremony on Monday, 24 April at 9.15am.

We cordially invite you to our ceremony as a recognised special guest. It would be appreciated if you would arrive at 9.00am for a 9.15am start. Following the ceremony we would like you to join us for morning tea.

Please contact the school to register your attendance for seating organisation and catering purposes by Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

We hope you can attend to enhance Ayr State High School's 2017 ANZAC DAY Ceremony.

Yours faithfully

Mr Craig Whittred  
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Dear Mayor McLaughlin

I am writing to advise you of the commencement of the project to undertake the rewrite of the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP). The project provides an exciting opportunity to develop a contemporary SDMP. To achieve this goal, I am seeking your support in this important work and look forward to engaging with you throughout this project.

To facilitate this project, I have established a Steering Committee of which I am the Chair. Other members of the Steering Committee include:

- Mr Dave Stewart, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC);
- Mr Brendan Moon, State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA); and
- Commissioner Ian Stewart, Queensland Police Service.

The scope of the project includes the roles and responsibilities of disaster management stakeholders, restructuring the SDMP and developing and delivering an awareness package in relation to the new SDMP. Any changes to the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements, disaster management guidelines and the development of hazard specific and functional plans are not within the scope of this project.

The Steering Committee is supported by a working group, which will be led by Senior Sergeant Alex Rees, Queensland Police Service. The working group will facilitate the necessary consultation and drafting of the SDMP. Consultation will be conducted with stakeholder and agency representatives.

I acknowledge the review of the current SDMP undertaken by the Inspector-General Emergency Management. This review will be used to inform the recrafted SDMP and the project will expand on the consultation undertaken during the review.

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The project will produce a number of products which will support the SDMP. These products include:

- a table of contents for the SDMP (a consultation draft will be distributed in coming weeks);
- a document map which identifies relevant disaster management documents;
- a map which shows the relevant groups and committees within the Queensland disaster management system.

The recrafted SDMP is scheduled for delivery to the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (QDMC) in September 2017.

Should you require any further assistance, please contact Senior Sergeant Rees on telephone (07) 3635 3419 or email [rees.alexanderd@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:rees.alexanderd@police.qld.gov.au).

I look forward to your contribution to this project.

Yours sincerely

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Katarina Carroll APM  
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