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**SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

25 September 2019

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor
Burdekin Shire Council

By email: enquiries@burdekin.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor McLaughlin

**Identification of leading practices in ensuring evidence-based regulation of farm
practices that impact water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef**

On 17 September 2019, the Senate referred the following matter to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 October 2020:

The identification of leading practices in ensuring evidence-based regulation of farm practices that impact water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef, with particular reference to:

- a. the existing evidence-base on the impact of farm water runoff on the health of the Great Barrier Reef and catchment areas;
- b. the connectivity of farm practices throughout the Great Barrier Reef catchment areas to water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park;
- c. relevant legislation and regulation, including in relation to impacts of water quality, farm management and soil runoff;
- d. proposed changes to regulations that would impact on farm productivity and the potential benefits and costs of such proposed regulation;
- e. the wider economic and social impact of proposed regulations to restrict farm practices; and
- f. any related matters.

The committee invites you to make a submission addressing all or some of the issues identified in the above Terms of Reference. Please extend this invitation to any person or organisation that might also be interested in making a submission. The closing date for submissions to the inquiry is **8 November 2019**.

The Committee encourages lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Submissions can be lodged via the [Online Submission System](#). Submissions can also be sent by email to rrat.sen@aph.gov.au or by post to:

Committee Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Please note that submissions become committee documents and, absent a committee decision to the contrary, are published online. Persons making submissions must not release them without the committee's prior approval. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but their unauthorised release is not.

Please ensure that any submissions or attachments you wish to remain confidential are clearly marked as such. A covering letter, clearly outlining the specific reasons for requesting confidentiality, should also be attached to the submission. Please contact the Secretariat if you require further advice on any issues with regard to confidentiality.

For further information about the inquiry see the [inquiry homepage](#) or phone (02) 6277 3511.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Redden
Acting Committee Secretary

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From: [Warrego Electorate Office](#)
To: [Email Registration](#)
Subject: Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 2 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill Update from LNP Opposition
Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 10:50:08 AM
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Dear Mayors, Councillors and CEOs

Now the dust is starting to settle on the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 2 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill – it is perhaps timely that I provide an update on where the LNP stands on a number of the issues raised in the legislation.

The legislation started with 58 per cent of the clauses being related to “Other Legislation” as opposed to implementing the Belcarra recommendations. Following the pressure applied by Councils and the LNP, some of the major provisions were removed from the Legislation by amendments in relation to:-

- conflict of interest and registers of interest**
- new provisions which provide that councillors and election participants, including candidates, are deemed to have knowledge of the source of an electoral gift or loan for the purpose of a proceeding for an offence against the conflict of interest provisions, or an offence relating to a gift or loan made to an election participant, respectively (ie reversing the onus of proof)**
- to the voting methodology for mayoral and single councillor elections (ie introduction of Compulsory Preferential Voting)**
- allowing the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) to investigate the conduct of local government employees in certain circumstances.**

As you know, the introduction of Compulsory Preferential Voting at the 2020 Local Government Elections did not stem from the integrity body recommendations.

Furthermore, the provisions to fine CEOs up to 20 penalty units for a procedural matter of not supplying information within a specified timeframe had no genesis from the integrity body recommendations.

The Government was all over the place and the Bill finished with up to 50 pages of amendments. Due to the debate being guillotined in the State Parliament, the LNP was unable to record position in the Parliament on a number of matters.

I do however, wish to apprise you of the position that the LNP has taken on the amendments outlined below. For the record, the LNP oppose the following:-

- Clause 47 that amends City of Brisbane Act and subjects the CEO to 20 penalty units in the event they are unable to supply the information. Penalty units are being applied to a procedural issue.**
- Clause 71 amends Local Government Act and expands the jurisdiction of the OIA to investigate local government employees which was not the intent of the OIA – this is the job of the CEO under the code of conduct.**
- Clause 108 giving directions to local government staff which amends Local Government Act and removes the Mayors ability to give direction to senior executive employees.**
- Clause 116 appointing other local government employees which amends Local**

Government Act and removes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor who is Committee Chair to participate in decision making to appoint senior executive employees.

- **Clause 147 requests for assistance or information that amends Local Government Act and subjects the CEO to 20 penalty units in the event they are unable to supply the information.**
- **Clause 175 who must complete a declaration envelope which amends Local Government Act to introduce prisoner voting**
- **Clauses 215 to 218 amends how electors must record a vote on a ballot paper in the Local Government Act by changing Optional Preferential Voting to Compulsory Preferential Voting.**
- **Clause 258 amends Right to Information Act and removes the Civic Cabinet provisions for Brisbane City Council**
- **Clause 259 amends Right to Information Act and removes the current right to information access exemption that applies to Brisbane City Council Civic Cabinet.**

Importantly, we saw the Palaszczuk Labor Government fall on their sword and scrap the CPV proposals for divided councils and the Mayoral ballot.

However, it should be noted that we have yet to hear a commitment from the Government that they will not introduce any legislation for CPV at the 2024 Local Government Elections during the rest of this parliamentary term.

In the interests of certainty and to let you plan without unnecessary disruption, all Local Governments deserve to hear a commitment in this regard. Should you wish to peruse my speech in the debate, it can be found on page 3153 at https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/hansard/2019/2019_10_15_DAILY.pdf

Thank you to all the Mayors, Councillors, CEOs, staff and the LGAQ for expressing your concerns. Collectively we have been able to make a difference.

I look forward to catching up with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Ann Leahy MP -- Member for Warrego

Shadow Minister for Local Government

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Home Hill State School

2018 Graduation Invitation

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Mrs Lyn Mc Laughlin

You are invited to join the school community as the Year six students celebrate the completion of their primary school education.

Date: Friday 13th December, 2019
Place: HHSS CPA
Time: 9:00am

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As a valued community member we look forward to your presence at this event, and ask you to join us for the cutting of the graduation cake at the completion of the ceremony.

Please RSVP 07/12/19
4790 5555 or jdobe12@eq.edu.au

From: [Independent Assessor](#)
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Hello,

Welcome to our third edition of *Insight* on the work of the Office of the Independent Assessor.

This quarter we are focusing on the fast-approaching local government elections in March 2020 and outline how we are proactively implementing strategies to minimise the politicisation of councillor complaints.

We discuss what is a vexatious, frivolous or a complaint not made in good faith, and outline when we will act to charge a person making a vexatious complaint. This carries a maximum fine of more than \$11,000.

Our case study focuses on who is doing the complaining, from members of the public to the growing number of councillors complaining about other councillors.

Our data shows complaint numbers grew in the last quarter to now sit at more than 1,080 towards the end of October 2019. These numbers are still putting pressure on this office and delays are being experienced in progressing investigations and Councillor Conduct Tribunal matters.

With conflicts of interest still the most high-risk area, we are regularly updating our [Resources for councillors](#) to help navigate these issues.

The third edition of [Insight](#) is now available and I value your feedback and suggestions. If you haven't already, please [subscribe](#) for future editions.

Kathleen Florian

Independent Assessor

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Sent: Wed, 30 Oct 2019 10:54:02 +1000
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Subject: Nominate a 2020 Queensland Great

Dear Councillor McLaughlin

I am thrilled to announce that the 2020 Queensland Greats Awards are now open for nomination. In 2020, this significant awards program will celebrate 20 years of recognising exceptional individuals and institutions for their contribution to our great State.

Since the Awards' inception in 2001, 95 individuals, 15 institutions, 5 posthumous and 1 honorary recipient have been honoured as Queensland Greats.

The 2019 recipients included six outstanding individuals – Mr Robert (Bob) Atkinson AO APM, Distinguished Professor Judith Clements AC, Dr Mark Loane AM, Ms Kay McGrath OAM, Ms Patricia O'Connor and Mr Charles (Chuck) Feeney (Honorary). The 2019 posthumous recipient was conservationist Dr John Sinclair AO and the Queensland Country Women's Association was the worthy recipient of the institution award.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of these prestigious awards, I urge you to nominate at least one individual or institution from within your community who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to Queensland. Nominations are encouraged across one or more of three categories – individual, institution and posthumous.

To assist in promoting these Awards within your community, we have included some useful information below:

- [email template](#) to send within your network
- [electronic poster](#) to encourage nominations
- [signature block](#), [web](#) and [social media icons](#) to utilise in your communication.

For more information please visit the [website](#) or contact the Awards Coordinator by [email](#) or telephone (07) 3003 9200.

Thank you in advance for supporting this prestigious awards program and nominating a true Queensland Great from your region. I look forward to announcing the Queensland Greats in June 2020 and celebrating the program's 20th anniversary next year.

Yours sincerely



**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
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28 OCT 2019

Councillor Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor of Burdekin Shire Council
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Dear Mayor 

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to supporting all small businesses that were impacted by the devastating floods. More than six months on we are still there on the ground assisting businesses who need a helping hand. Since February 2019, the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has been providing ongoing support for the local small business community, coordinated from the Small Business Recovery Centre in Townsville.

The Department has teamed up with local and federal governments to undertake a return visit to the communities hardest hit by the Monsoon Trough, to offer tailored support for the region's ongoing recovery and resilience.

Under the \$10 million jointly funded Commonwealth/State government initiative – the Queensland Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) – the 'Back on Track' Small Business Recovery Roadshow will visit impacted local government areas across 17 locations in November and December this year.

The 'Back on Track' bus will provide a pop-up style service centre to support small business offering advice on support services available to help boost recovery and build resilience, including:

- disaster preparedness and planning;
- climate adaptation support tools;
- mental health support services;
- financial assistance packages, including loans and grants;
- free mentoring offered as part of the Mentoring for Growth program;
- digital solutions; and
- taxation advice.

Departmental officers have made contact with councils in the local government areas that we are planning to visit, to co-design specific programs, events and activities relevant to each region. I encourage you to get in touch if you would like to obtain more information or if there is a particular focus you would like the Back on Track team to address in your region.

Should you require any further information, I invite you to contact my Chief of Staff, Ms Laura Fraser Hardy, on telephone (07) 3719 7500.

I thank you in advance for your support of these important initiatives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Fentiman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shannon Fentiman MP

Minister for Employment and Small Business

Minister for Training and Skills Development



SENATOR GERARD RENNICK

LNP Senator for Queensland

Tuesday, 22 October 2019

Cr Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor
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Dear Cr McLaughlin,

Traffic accidents cost Australians their lives each year. It is the Federal Liberal National Government's priority to improve road safety and reduce the deaths and injuries that occur on our roads.

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth Government's *Black Spot* program is focused on improving key road locations where crashes frequently occur. Funding for these projects goes towards safety improvements such as intersection upgrades, safety barriers and lighting that will reduce the risk of crashes occurring. For a relatively small cost of implementation, it is estimated that the program has been able to save around 280 lives and prevent 14,400 crashes.

Unfortunately, more than sixty percent of road deaths and a significant proportion of serious injuries occur in rural and regional areas. In line with national road safety policy objectives, approximately fifty percent of *Black Spot* funds in each state (other than Tasmania), are reserved for projects in non-metropolitan areas. This ensures that crash locations in rural areas are treated with a priority.

As part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-20 budget, an additional \$50 million per year has been added to the Black Spot Program. Moving forward, the Government now has an on-going commitment of \$110 million each year for the Black Spot Program.

I would strongly encourage your council to apply for the Commonwealth Government's Black Spot Program. Attached to this letter you will find the Black Spot Program Nomination Form, which can also be downloaded from the Department's website.

Should you have any queries about this this program, or indeed any other issue affecting your local community, please don't hesitate to get in contact with my office.

Yours sincerely

Senator Gerard Rennick
Senator for Queensland

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From: Jeanette Garvey
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Hi,

Could you please pass onto Mayor Lyn, Councillors & relevant LDMG personnel...Groper Creek Community BBQ to thank those who assisted in our February clean-up will be held in conjunction with Disaster Ready Day. Details as per flyer - would be great to have a Council rep come along l.

Regards

Jeanette Garvey

Groper Creek Rural Fire Brigade Secretary

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Home Hill Boat Club Inc.

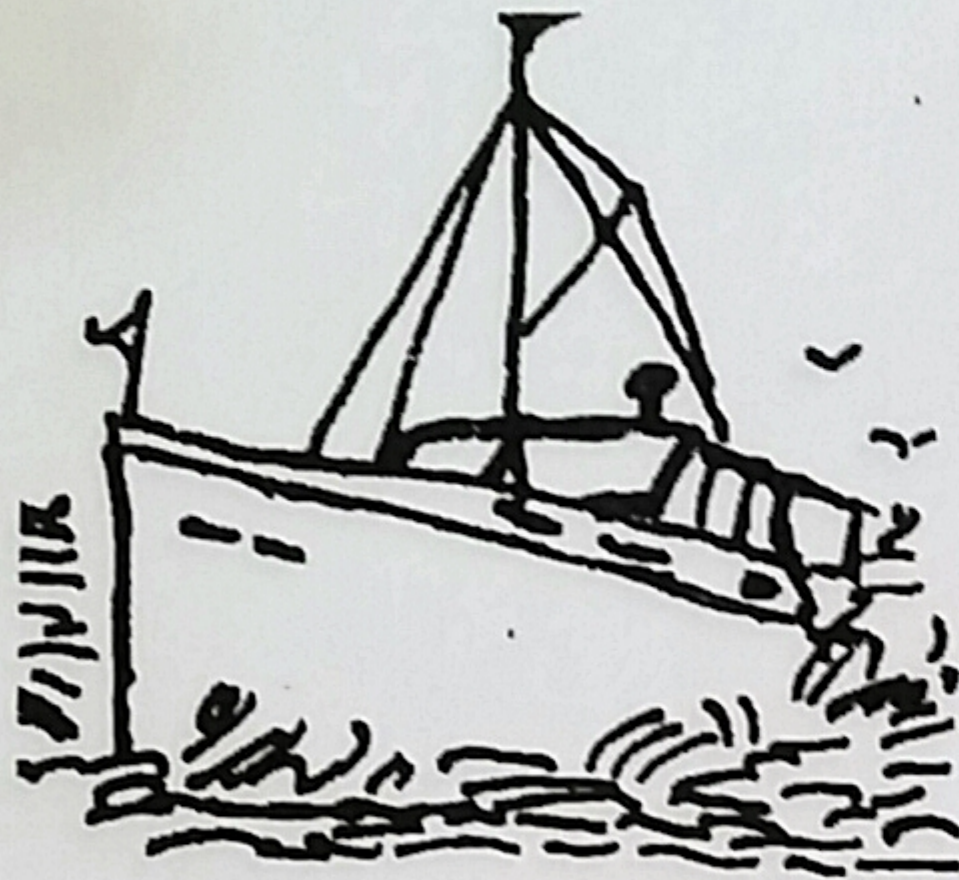
Groper Creek Reserve

&

Groper Creek Rural Fire Brigade

invite you to our

Community BBQ and Get-Together



to thank those who assisted in our February flood clean-up and socially come together

When: Sunday, 3rd November 2019

Where: The Boat House, Groper Creek (opposite jetty)

Time: 12pm onwards

BYO drinks, chairs and sweets. BBQ supplied. Meat raffle tickets can be purchased at the kiosk prior or on the day with all funds to progress our community.

RSVP (for catering purposes) to Groper Creek Caravan Park kiosk ph 4782 0186 by October 31.

Thank You