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Dear Mr Bohnen

Thank you for your correspondence seeking the views of the Queensland Greens on the 10 Point Policy Plan of the LGAQ.

In short, the Queensland Greens are supportive of the vast majority of the proposals made by the LGAQ in your state election policy plan, covering all ten general policy areas. Whilst extra expenditure would be required to implement a number of these proposals, the Greens believe the amounts of money are not excessive and the required revenue could easily be found via a reduction in the current amount of subsidies provided to a range of mining companies by the state government.

In regards to the specifics contained within the policy plan, I can provide commitments of support by the Queensland Greens on behalf of all of our candidates, who are contesting every seat at the upcoming election. In particular, the Greens support:

- Establishing a practice that all proposed legislation affecting a local government interest be released to the LGAQ at four weeks prior to its introduction into Parliament;
- A review of the current “Partners in Government Agreement” with an aim to improve engagement between local government and state government agencies;
- A commitment to regular roundtable meetings between the Premier and the LGAQ President prior all COAG meetings;
- Continuing to have a dedicated Minister for Local Government and a related Department;
- Continue the Royalties for Regions Program as a separate program at no less than \$200 million per annum;
- The reinstatement of the Water and Sewerage Program in real terms to \$149 million per annum;
- The introduction of a permanent Public Asset Resilience Fund of \$40 million per annum in recognition of the likelihood of more frequent and more severe natural disasters which will have continuing impacts on local infrastructure, with efforts to be made to get matching funding from the federal government;
- Amending relevant legislation to provide a broad indemnity from civil liability for councils and their officers;

- Introducing necessary regulations under Section 72 of the Local Government Act and Section 79 of the City of Brisbane Act to enable councils to have necessary powers to help manage use of road networks;
- Increased engagement of local government and local service providers in the construction and maintenance of state government infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and greater use of local service providers by the state government in the procurements of goods and services;
- Direct engagement with every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders local government to develop strategies to eliminate duplication of services and administration;
- Reinvesting in skills and workforce development programs;
- Establishing a Planning Reform Implementation Subsidy Scheme to compensate councils for the costs associated with the implementing the state's new Planning Act and Infrastructure Charges Framework;
- Continuing support for the Queensland Water Regional Alliance Program at \$600 000 per annum for the next three years;
- Financial support from the state government of \$1.25 per annum over the next three years for a Local Government Innovation and Research Program;
- Financial support of \$1.25 million per annum over the next three years for ongoing digital productivity knowledge and awareness training;
- Funding of \$2 million per annum over the next three years for a Local Government Waste to Energy Implementation Program and other waste minimisation, reuse, recovery and recycling initiatives;
- The development and implementation of a new Climate Change Adaptation Strategy with close involvement of local government;
- The provision of hazard data from the state government at a scale appropriate for local level decision making; and
- The establishment of a Climate Change Adaption Fund of \$5 million per annum over the next three years.

The Queensland Greens would be happy to consult further with the LGAQ after the state election regarding our policy positions and ongoing campaigns.

Yours sincerely



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