ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Report No. 3, 56th Parliament

Local Government Legislation (Validation of Rates and Charges) Amendment Bill 2018

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

On 15 February 2018, the Local Government Legislation (Validation of Rates and Charges) Amendment Bill 2018 (the Bill) was introduced into the Legislative Assembly.

The Bill was referred to the Economics and Governance Committee. On 15 March 2018, the Committee tabled in the Legislative Assembly its Report (No.3, 56th Parliament) on the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the Committee's Report and recommendations is provided below.

Committee recommendation 1:

The committee recommends the Local Government Legislation (Validation of Rates and Charges) Amendment Bill 2018 be passed.

Queensland Government response:

The Government thanks the Committee for its thorough consideration of the Bill and notes the Committee's recommendation 1 that the Bill be passed.

Committee recommendation 2:

The committee recommends that the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs monitor how local governments are levying their rates and charges over the next two financial years, 2018/19 and 2019/20, to ensure local governments are aware of the proper processes and are complying with the statutory requirements.

Queensland Government response:

The Government supports recommendation 2.