

STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE
Report No. 37, 57th Parliament
Local Government Electoral and Other Legislation (Expenditure Caps) Amendment
Bill 2022

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The Local Government Electoral and Other Legislation (Expenditure Caps) Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced to Parliament on 1 December 2022.

The Bill was referred to the State Development and Regional Industries Committee. On 24 February 2023, the Committee tabled in the Legislative Assembly its Report (No. 37, 57th 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 Electoral and Other Legislation (Expenditure Caps) Amendment Bill 2022 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:

That the Minister include training on electoral expenditure caps in the training and professional development requirements for councillors and local government candidates.

Queensland Government response:

The Government supports recommendation 2.

Committee recommendation 3:

That the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning consider conducting a review of the electoral expenditure caps scheme within 12 months of the 2024 local government elections, and that the key findings of the review be published.

Queensland Government response:

The Government supports recommendation 3.


Committee recommendation 4:

That the Queensland Government consider future legislative amendments to ensure that independent candidates in local government elections are not lawfully prevented from holding fundraising activities.

Queensland Government response:

The Government notes recommendation 4.

The Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure, has referred recommendation 4 to the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence for her consideration, as she has portfolio responsibility for the *Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999*.

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