



23 February 2018

Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Local Government Legislation (Validation of Rates and Charges) Amendment Bill 2018 currently before the Committee.

As noted in the Explanatory Notes to the Bill, the LGAQ has been consulted and supports the policy objectives of the Bill.

The LGAQ is of the view that the proposed amendments are adequate and appropriate to reverse the possible impacts of the Supreme Court of Queensland decision, for Fraser Coast Regional Council and all other councils that have not passed rating resolutions in accordance with section 94(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The LGAQ is assisting councils to ensure future council rating resolutions comply fully with said provision. The Association is in the process of preparing template best practice rating and budget resolutions which will be made available to all councils and will hold a Ratings Masterclass at a date to be determined in April or May.

The LGAQ trusts this submission will assist the Committee with its consideration of the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Hallam', is written over a thin horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Greg Hallam AM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER