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Committee Secretary  
Economics and Governance Committee  
Parliament House, George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

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Dear Secretary

**Subject: Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Bill 2019 and Inquiry into the feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland local government elections**

The SEQA (South East Queensland Alliance) is a peak body representing resident and community organisations in Queensland. We are a non-partisan and not-for-profit organisation.

The Alliance is currently in the process of applying for incorporation with the Queensland Office of Fair Trading. This will involve a change in name, if approved, to the SEQ Community Alliance Assoc. Inc. which will better reflect our role and membership.

While this Bill has a number of components (Chapters) the submissions of our member group have predominately focused on the section "Chapter 5 – Amendments relating to dishonest conduct for councillors and other local government matters" and on proposed changes to Local Government Regulations that will follow the passage of the Bill.

We endorse submissions made by our member groups and/or indications of general support for the Bill we have received including, but not limited to, GECKO Environment Council, Brisbane Residents United (BRU), Organisation of Sunshine Coast Association of Residents (OSCAR), the Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance (QLGRA), Sunshine Coast Environment Council (SCEC) and Redlands 2030 and as such will not be making a separate submission in our own right (beyond this correspondence) on the matters covered in the Bill.

It is possible the SEQA may make a submission in relation to expenditure caps however but we will do so in a separate submission by the deadline of 20 January 2020 as per the recently released Issues Paper from your Committee.

To expedite the organisation of the Committee's public hearing on 20 January 2020, SEQ Alliance members have decided to request the opportunity to make a single community based presentation to the Committee. It is intended that the presentation will be facilitated through the SEQA, rather than requesting individual presentations. We trust our request reflecting this decision will be supported by the Committee. We will advise the proposed representative/s closer to the time of the public hearing and welcome any advice from the Committee in the interim.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C Walker'.

Chris Walker  
President  
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