

Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Mr Chris Whiting MP
Chair
Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee
Member for Bancroft

Via email: hbbmc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Whiting,

RE: LGAQ Submission on Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is a not-for-profit association representing all 77 local governments across Queensland as the state-wide peak body for our sector.

We sincerely thank the Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee (the Committee) for undertaking this Inquiry into the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill).

Local government employee superannuation scheme amendments

The Bill amends the local government superannuation scheme to remove the requirement for mandatory employee contributions, other than for defined benefit members, and to change the name of the trustee and the scheme to reflect a change in the business name of the default fund.

The LGAQ supports the removal of the prescribed mandatory superannuation contributions by permanent local government employees and acknowledges this change responds to cost-of living pressures facing local government employees, by providing them the same flexibility and choice as State public sector employees in relation to making contributions to their superannuation accounts. The LGAQ notes that permanent local government employees in a defined benefit scheme will be required to continue to make the employee contribution prescribed in the Local Government Regulation 2012 or the fund trust deed.

We would recommend that the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning develop a template to support councils in communicating this change to their employees.

The LGAQ notes the Bill updates the name of the local government superannuation scheme trustee and default fund in the *Local Government Act 2009* to Brighter Super and Brighter Super Trustee respectively. These amendments reflect the name change in the local government superannuation scheme trustee.

Accordingly, the LGAQ supports the progression of these elements of the Bill through the Queensland Parliament.

For any further information in relation to this submission, please contact Angus Sutherland via email: [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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