

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I represent a volunteer community sporting group (incorporated) on an Advisory Committee (AC) to the local Council for the development of a community infrastructure project which can be used by the majority of community members such as walkers, horse riders, cyclists, runners, bird watchers etc. Our Group has been advocating for this Project for over 20 years and along the way the Council's commitment to support the completion of the project has varied from 100% committed to somewhat a little more than paying "lip service". The Council has not taken up any of the 50/50 partnerships for Government (State & Federal) funding to progress the project. This situation has created a high level of frustration for our volunteer group who have committed over 6000 volunteer hours in the past 4 years towards the project however the project remains about 80% complete with limited opportunities for the project to be completed in the next 10 years unless something changes. During the last year we have seen at least 50% of our active volunteer group walk away from involvement in the project. A better way forward is for the State Govt to take the lead with this type of project and partner with the local Council.