

Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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Mackay Regional Council Empowering Councils Bill Submission

To The Committee,

Mackay Regional Council appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*.

Council is strongly supportive of the intent and provisions of the Bill, which we believe will enhance local government capability, reduce unnecessary regulatory burden, and empower councils and mayors to better serve their communities. The proposed reforms to governance, integrity frameworks, and administrative processes are welcomed and endorsed by Mackay Regional Council.

However, Council does not support the proposed requirement for councillors and mayors to automatically resign upon nomination for State Parliament. While we acknowledge the intent to maintain transparency and integrity, we believe this provision may unnecessarily discourage civic participation and limit experienced representation at a state and local level.

Subject to this single exception, Mackay Regional Council endorses all other provisions contained within the Bill and commends the Queensland Government for its commitment to strengthening local government.

Thank you for considering our submission. Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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