

Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

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Local Government Biosecurity Legislation Review Group Biosecurity Queensland in late 2018 invited 15 local governments to be involved in "Local Government Biosecurity Legislation Review Group" (LG BLRG). Sunshine Coast Council was and continues to be a member of this group. The purpose of the Local Government Biosecurity Legislation Review Group (LG BLRG) was to obtain a local government representative view from around Queensland to the review of the Biosecurity Act 2014. The LG BLRG provides an opportunity for local government to contribute their views to the Act Review, which is designed to evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of the Act and provide valuable information to improve its operation. Recommendations were provided on a number of matters including the proposal in this Bill about "Locally significant invasive plants and animals" and making changes to the Biosecurity Act 2014 so that it is one set of legislation and powers for entry and compliance and enforcement. Whilst not all local governments may take up this option it does provide as proposed the tools to manage locally significant invasive plants and animals. I support the proposed change as it will be simpler for local governments to administer and for the landholder to deal with.