

## Local Government Electoral and Other Legislation (Expenditure Caps) Amendment Bill 2022

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**AUSTRALIAN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

*supporting and encouraging those involved or interested in Local Government*

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19 January 2023

Committee Secretary  
State Development and Regional Industries Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXPENDITURE CAPS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)**

The Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) was founded in 1951 and was formed as a non party political organisation to support women's participation in Local Government. One of ALGWA's objectives is to take action in relation to any subject or activity affecting local government legislation.

The ALGWA Management Committee would like to raise a concern relating to Clause 20 in relation to Section 107 Meaning of *gift* of the Amendment of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.

ALGWA believes that further clarification is required around the definition of what is a gift. If multiple gifts are received for \$200 or less from the same person or entity, should it be recorded on both the Electoral Return and the Register of Interest of a Councillor? Further clarification on what is considered an 'in kind' gift would also be beneficial.

Given the complexities around what is considered a gift, ALGWA would support mandating that all gifts and donations received, regardless of value, should be disclosed. This will alleviate any inconsistencies or confusion when having to negotiate the legislation to ensure our elected members are meeting their legislative requirements and reporting gifts and donations correctly.

It is important that any legislative reform implemented provides clear direction for our elected members. We support the Government's initiative in implementing a range of integrity reforms and confirm that we support the implementation of the Bill. We appreciate the opportunity to present their submission to the Bill.

If you require any further information or have any questions in relation to our submission, please contact the ALGWA Queensland Branch President, Cr Jo McNally via email at [REDACTED] or phone [REDACTED].

Kind Regards

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