

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

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For Attention of Committee Secretary Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity for Wildlife Queensland's Gold Coast & Hinterland Branch to make a submission with regard to

the Local Government Electoral Act Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

Our Branch of the State Organization has existed for nearly sixty years as an independent, volunteer advocacy group for the natural environment.

During that time our Chapter has had consistent concern with regard to the nexus between inadequately regulated development, with consequential clearing causing habitat loss and the funding of local Council Candidates who have some control over this development process.

It must be noted that there was grave concern, earlier in this century, with regard to the group of Gold Coast local candidates who shared in common developer funding and there was endorsement of then CJC Inquiry into this and approval of subsequent electoral reform.

WQGC & H supports these further current legislative proposals towards transparency, accountability to the whole community and potential improvement in protection of the shared natural heritage, which may be gained thereby.

Our Organization endorses the recommendation for closer scrutiny and some revision of proposals with regard to the impact on smaller community based Organization such as ours which have been recommended with regard to the above proposed legislative reforms by the EDO (Environmental Defenders Organization).

We commend the Government for this defensive scrutiny with regard to democratic practice and support any further review as to this,

Yours faithfully, Sally Spain [REDACTED]

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