



Speech By Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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MOTION

Referral to Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee

Pr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (2.44 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly by 18 September 2025 on:

- 1. The current state of volunteering in Queensland and the value it contributes, including benefits to volunteers, organisations, communities and the state;
- 2. The views of volunteers, prospective volunteers and the volunteering sector on the current barriers to volunteering, including excessive legislative and regulatory burdens and other restrictions adversely limiting active volunteers;
- 3. The current experiences, motivations and challenges for volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations and their recommendations for addressing challenges and improving the volunteering experience;
- 4. The unique challenges experienced by people from diverse backgrounds, genders, age groups, abilities and locations, and opportunities to improve volunteering participation, accessibility and experience for these groups;
- 5. The extent, effectiveness and efficiency of current government support at all levels for the volunteering sector in Queensland and sustainable opportunities for improvement;
- 6. Opportunities for the Queensland government to leverage all portfolios to support growth in volunteering across Queensland, including through hosting the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- Opportunities to increase emergency response volunteering in Queensland, including how to optimise the engagement, support and integration of volunteers assisting with natural disasters and community recovery;
- 8. First Nations peoples volunteering, including in remote and discrete communities, and the role of First Nations volunteering in Closing the Gap; and
- Any other relevant matters, including academic and other diverse sources, and any relevant reports and reviews at the national level and across other states and territories.
 - Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.