




Speech By
Hon. Ann Leahy

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Local Government; Telecommunications Outage

 **Hon. A LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers) (2.37 pm): Last week I was pleased to attend the entirety of the LGAQ conference at the Gold Coast where I caught up with many of our mayors and councillors. The overwhelming feedback I received from our partners in local government was how they love having a government that listens to them. Compare that to the decade of decline under Labor where councils were kept in the dark.

When we came to government we promised to deliver a fresh start for councils. We have a new Partners in Government Agreement and we have launched and concluded the red-tape reduction taskforce. We have launched an depreciation taskforce for local government to help reduce costs for ratepayers. We have made Works for Queensland a permanent program and we have improved councils' access to quarry materials, and we are only just getting started. Soon we will be introducing our empowering councils bill. This will make changes that mayors and councillors have been requesting for years. We are delivering for Queensland's local governments, freeing them from unnecessary red tape and bureaucratic burdens.

I also wish to give a quick update to the House with regard to the Optus network outage today. We are advised by our agencies, including the Queensland Police Service, that there has been no impact on triple-0 services in Queensland.