



Darling Downs & South West Queensland
COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Vote for Local

Local Action Plan

Local Government: a strategic partner in economic recovery on the Darling Downs and in South West Queensland.

Councils on the Darling Downs and in South West Queensland are on the frontline, working every day to make our communities stronger and more resilient in these challenging times.

As our communities begin to recover from COVID-19 every resource must be targeted effectively and efficiently to maximise benefit for all. The Queensland Government can help foster our local priorities by:

Sustaining Local Jobs

- Building on Works for Queensland, by extending the program for four years with a solid funding base and permanently extending the program to the Toowoomba Regional Council Local Government Area.
- Enhancing the work councils on the Darling Downs and in South West Queensland do in delivering good regional jobs and training apprentices by providing council wage subsidies.

Strengthening our Regions

- Boosting tourism jobs in the region by investing in better infrastructure such as Stage 1 of the Quarry Gardens in Toowoomba and improving the

Westlander passenger rail service as well as help from Tourism and Events Queensland in delivering COVID-Safe events on the Darling Downs and in South West Queensland like the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and the Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Festival.

- Supporting business and exports by building strategic freight hubs across the region in locations that will easily connect to the planned Inland Rail route.
- Connecting our region by completing a detailed study into fast rail from Toowoomba to Brisbane.

Keeping Communities Safe

- Securing water supply in the region through detailed planning and studies for future water solutions, including new dams, pipelines and other technology, and building the Toowoomba Region Southern Water Pipeline.

Supporting the Bush

- Supporting agriculture and jobs in the bush and improving road safety by upgrading the forgotten roads across the Darling Downs and South West Queensland.