



2020 State Election State-wide Report Card Keeping Communities Safe



The LGAQ welcomes the Government's commitments to provide \$3 million over two years to assist coastal councils build resilience and adapt to coastal hazards, and more than \$3m for council led rural mental health initiatives. The LGAQ remains disappointed that no commitment has been made to fund our rural water guarantee. The LGAQ also welcomes the Government's commitment to work with us to ensure there is stronger support for council decision-making in relation to managing natural hazards and climate change, however, its proposal will not provide the protection Queensland councils are seeking. We look forward to further negotiation on this priority should the government be re-elected.



The Opposition has announced a Drinking Water Taskforce to identify future community drinking water needs for the next 30 years, and identify works that need to be fast tracked to secure and expand critical water supplies. The LGAQ considers this the first step towards the implementation of the LGAQ's Rural Water Guarantee.



KAP have committed to fight for funding for the LGAQ's key priorities to keep our communities safe.



The Greens have responded to our 2020 State Election priorities advising they are "generally supportive" of the LGAQ's platform, however, they cite the need to consider "an enormous list of competing priorities" should they be in a balance of power scenario after the 31 October. Further, The Greens have advised the final decision on what is supported will be made by "the party as a whole". The LGAQ appreciates The Greens general statement of the broad alignment with our priorities and their indications of support for our key priorities. However, the LGAQ requires more specific commitments from The Greens as to where our 2020 election priorities sit within The Greens' "enormous list of priorities" should they hold the balance of power after the election.



One Nation has indicated support for the LGAQ's Water and Wastewater initiative and additional funding, so councils can more readily access assistance and guidance for local disaster risk assessments. However, they have refrained from making an explicit commitment to advocate and vote for funding for our priorities should they hold the balance of power after the October 31 poll.



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