



AGENDA

Special Council Meeting Wednesday, 18 August 2021

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 18 August 2021

Time: 9am

**Location: Council Chambers
23 West Street
Mount Isa**

**David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer**

Acknowledgement of Country

Mount Isa City Council acknowledges the Kalkadoon and the Indjilandji people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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5 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**5.1 SUBMISSION OF MOTION TO LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE - REGIONAL UNIVERSITY CENTRES**

Document Number: 746687

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Directorate: Executive Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council proposes to formally submit a motion to the LGAQ to see an expansion of the Regional University Centres program to provide students from rural and regional Australia with a greater choice in, and access to higher education.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

Council endorse the submission of motion to the LGAQ Annual Conference 2021 regarding Regional University Centres.

BACKGROUND

The percentage of population with a bachelor's degree or higher, when compared to major cities is considerably lower in regional and remote communities. (Avg: Major Cities 44.6%, Australian Average 39.7% and Regional and Remote 22.7%)

On the back of the success of Regional University Centre programs across Australia and with proven centres here now in Queensland local governments would like to see the expansion of this program further across the state to help students in regional and remote areas access higher education without having to leave their community. Providing student support and campus-style facilities for students who study online.

The Regional University Centres program takes an innovative approach to improve access to tertiary education for regional and remote students. Centres have been established around Australia now since 2018 and have proven to be sustainable and integrated into existing infrastructures around the regions (council libraries, TAFE facilities etc).

A Regional University Centre is a facility where regional students can use to study tertiary courses locally delivered by distance from any Australian institution.

Centres provide:

Infrastructure, including:

- Study spaces
- Break out areas
- Video conferencing
- Computer facilities

- High-speed internet access
- Administrative and academic support services such as:
- Developing writing and research skills
- Managing administrative processes
- Student support services, including:
- Pastoral support
- Study advice
- Help accessing student services

The Regional University Centres program aims to:

- Enable students in rural, regional, and remote Australia to access and complete higher education without having to leave their community
- Meet a demonstrated gap in support for study in a regional, rural or remote community
- Support students who wish to stay in their community while they complete their course of study
- Enhance the experience of students studying within their own community
- Encourage strong links between the Centres and other organisations in the area, including other support services that students may access and industry
- Complement, rather than replace, existing and planned university investments and activities in regional areas, such as satellite campuses and study centres.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.7 1.10 1.15	Advocate for youth engagement in Council decisions Investigate opportunities for additional tertiary education in the region Maximise private and government funding opportunities to provide access to all training and mentoring programs that promote advanced employment
Theme:	2.	Prosperous & Supportive Economy
Strategy:	2.7	Assist with the facilitation of region wide accessibility for all residents to essential services in relation to health, education, social and recreational activities

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Councillors

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to all human rights relevant as per Council's Human Rights Policy.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council DOES NOT endorse the submission of motion to the LGAQ Annual Conference 2021 regarding Regional University Centres.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **DRAFT - 2021 Annual Conference Motion - Regional University Centre**



2021 Annual Conference - Motions Template

Please use this template to prepare and submit your motion using the link below.
Please use text only – no images or tables.

Submitting Council (required)	Mount Isa City Council
Supporting ROC (if applicable)	North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils
Category (required)	Community Services and Social Policy
Council resolution # (required)	TBA
Date of council resolution (required)	Please select the date of resolution here
Title of motion (required)	Regional University Centres
Motion (required)	The LGAQ calls on the state or federal government to provide \$20 million to develop 10 pilot sites to provide students from rural and regional Australia with greater choice in, and access to higher education.
Background (required) 350 word limit	<p>The percentage of population with a bachelor's degree or higher, when compared to major cities is considerably lower in regional and remote communities. (Avg: Major Cities 44.6%, Australian Average 39.7% and Regional and Remote 22.7%)</p> <p>On the back of the success of Regional University Centre programs across Australia and with proven centres here now in Queensland local governments would like to see the expansion of this program further across the state to help students in regional and remote areas access higher education without having to leave their community. Providing student support and campus-style facilities for students who study online.</p> <p>The Regional University Centres program takes an innovative approach to improve access to tertiary education for regional and remote students. Centres have been established around Australia now since 2018 and have proven to be sustainable and integrated into existing infrastructures around the regions (council libraries, TAFE facilities etc).</p>



	<p>A Regional University Centre is a facility where regional students can use to study tertiary courses locally delivered by distance from any Australian institution.</p> <p>Centres provide:</p> <p>Infrastructure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study spaces • Break out areas • Video conferencing • Computer facilities • High-speed internet access <p>Administrative and academic support services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing writing and research skills • Managing administrative processes <p>Student support services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral support • Study advice • Help accessing student services <p>The Regional University Centres program aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable students in rural, regional, and remote Australia to access and complete higher education without having to leave their community • Meet a demonstrated gap in support for study in a regional, rural or remote community • Support students who wish to stay in their community while they complete their course of study • Enhance the experience of students studying within their own community • Encourage strong links between the Centres and other organisations in the area, including other support services that students may access and industry • Complement, rather than replace, existing and planned university investments and activities in regional areas, such as satellite campuses and study centres.
<p>What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 350 word limit</p>	<p>That the centres are located outside of a 200km/and over 2 hours' drive radius of any existing university centres and the funding for this project be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage a third-party proponent to implementing a network and central support for all Centres • an evaluation of the program to inform improvements to the program, governance, and operation • undertaking a research project on Centre partnerships and how to best support them, particularly Centre-university partnerships, with local government and business • a scoping study to inform the location and selection of future Centres

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- establishing additional Centres around Queensland to further support regional and remote students who remain in their local communities
- To connect with existing established centres around Australia and share best practice in becoming self-sustaining and successful.

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Policy Executive endorsed motions for the 2021 LGAQ Annual Conference

Federal Government

1. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to restore Federal Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue to address the serious financial sustainability issues experienced by all councils.
2. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to restore the voice of local communities by giving local government full membership of the National Cabinet and a guaranteed seat in other National Ministerial forums.
3. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to provide \$200 million per year for four years for targeted disaster mitigation and to future-proof community infrastructure.
4. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to allocate \$100 million per year for five years to increase housing supply in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

State Government

5. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to amend the *Civil Liabilities Act 2003* to strengthen indemnity provisions and address concerns that the *Goondiwindi v Tait* case has created for councils with RMPCs.
6. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to urgently amend the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* to address the unintended consequences of current Conflict of Interest requirements that continue to negatively impact the ability of councillors to effectively represent their communities.
7. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to maintain Works for Queensland funding at \$100 million a year for the next four years.
8. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to maintain SEQ Stimulus Funding at \$50 million for the next four years.

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ILF Motions

9. The LGAQ lobby the state government and the National Indigenous Australians Agency to establish and periodically release to councils the relevant data sets for each local government area against each of the Closing the Gap targets.
10. That the LGAQ lobby the Federal Government to work with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations to establish a mechanism for regularly informing and educating Prescribed Bodies Corporate across Australia on any legislation, regulatory changes, governance and performance arrangements, and to ensure that a similar mechanism is in place at state level to inform Deed of Grant in Trust trustees.

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5.2 SUBMISSION OF MOTION TO LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2032 OLYMPICS FUNDING FOR RURAL AND REMOTE QUEENSLAND COMMUNITIES**Document Number:** 746831**Author:** Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**Directorate:** Executive Services**Portfolio:** Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council proposes to formally submit a motion to the LGAQ regarding the 2032 Olympics to propose sharing of benefit and funding commitments for Rural and Remote Queensland Communities

RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

Council endorse the submission of motion to the LGAQ Annual Conference 2021 regarding the 2032 Olympics and funding for Rural and Remote Queensland Communities.

BACKGROUND

The announcement that Brisbane will host the 2032 Olympic Games has been warmly welcomed by many. Both the Queensland and Australian Governments have indicated massive investment in Brisbane and across South-East Queensland to ensure the success of the Games. Whilst this is to be expected there is concern that Government investment in other parts of the State will be diminished as a result.

Evidence for long-term increases in tourism after hosting a mega-event is mixed, and a positive tourism legacy is not guaranteed.

Efforts are being made to propose regional locations for some event venues (such as Cairns or Townsville), but dispersing visitors to regional areas is a challenge for destination marketing bodies as it is harder to persuade international tourists – who are usually time-poor – to travel to areas that aren't as well served by transport links and tourist facilities" - (Associate Professor Judith Mair, School of Business - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, UQ Compact Magazine "Golden Opportunity" 2021).

If the Olympics 2032 are genuinely going to benefit the entire State, as indicated by the Premier, there needs to be a tangible demonstration of this commitment by way of guaranteed funding to rural and remote communities as well as other measures (as outline above) to ensure the dispersal of benefits across as many communities as possible.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.16	Continue the established strategic alliances with the Australian Mining Cities Alliance and North West Regional Organisation of Councils

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

NWQROC

Councillors

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to all human rights relevant as per Council's Human Rights Policy.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council DOES NOT endorse the submission of motion to the LGAQ Annual Conference 2021 regarding 2032 Olympics and funding for Rural and Remote Queensland Communities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **DRAFT - 2021 Annual Conference Motion - 2032 Olympics Funding for Rural and Remote Queensland**



2021 Annual Conference - Motions Template

Please use this template to prepare and submit your motion using the link below.
Please use text only – no images or tables.

Submitting Council (required)	Mount Isa City Council
Supporting ROC (if applicable)	NWQROC, WQAC
Category (required)	Infrastructure, Economics and Regional Development
Council resolution # (required)	Mount Isa City Council to insert resolution number following Council meeting.
Date of council resolution (required)	Please select the date of resolution here
Title of motion (required)	2032 Olympics – Sharing of benefits and funding commitments for Rural and Remote Queensland Communities
Motion (required)	<p>That the LGAQ call on the Queensland Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a “2032 Olympics Rural/Remote Queensland Funding Program” to ensure that areas outside of South-East Queensland, particularly rural and remote communities, also receive equitable funding for essential infrastructure and community facilities to ensure these areas of Queensland also share in the economic benefits flowing to the State from the Olympics; • significantly invest in destination marketing for rural and remote Queensland in an effort to encourage tourism dispersal beyond Brisbane; • manage and mitigate any negative consequences of civil and construction / trade workers being drawn / diverted from regional centres to South-East Queensland as Olympic construction programs commence; • ensure that small businesses in rural and remote communities are also supported and offered opportunities to provide goods and services as part of the Olympics planning and implementation framework; • ensure that membership of any State Government 2032 Olympics planning committees include rural/remote representation, including from local government; and



	That the LGAQ include this matter (benefits from the Olympics) as a priority as part of its <i>Rural and Remote Councils Compact</i>
Background (required) 350 word limit	<p>The announcement that Brisbane will host the 2032 Olympic Games has been warmly welcomed by many. Both the Queensland and Australian Governments have indicated massive investment in Brisbane and across South-East Queensland to ensure the success of the Games.</p> <p>Whilst this is to be expected there is concern that Government investment in other parts of the State will be diminished as a result. This is supported by commentary and research on previous Olympics which indicates that - "In economic terms, the outcomes of major sporting events involving large government spending have generally been poor. This is despite the optimistic projections often made for such events" - (Professor John Quiggin, School of Economics - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, <i>UQ Compact Magazine</i> "Golden Opportunity" 2021).</p> <p>Further, "Queensland residents may not see the benefits shared equally, with those living in rural and regional areas – as well as those in disadvantaged or marginalised communities – less likely to benefit.</p> <p>Evidence for long-term increases in tourism after hosting a mega-event is mixed, and a positive tourism legacy is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Efforts are being made to propose regional locations for some event venues (such as Cairns or Townsville), but dispersing visitors to regional areas is a challenge for destination marketing bodies as it is harder to persuade international tourists – who are usually time-poor – to travel to areas that aren't as well served by transport links and tourist facilities" - (Associate Professor Judith Mair, School of Business - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, <i>UQ Compact Magazine</i> "Golden Opportunity" 2021).</p> <p>If the Olympics 2032 are genuinely going to benefit the entire State, as indicated by the Premier, there needs to be a tangible demonstration of this commitment by way of guaranteed funding to rural and remote communities as well as other measures (as outline above) to ensure the dispersal of benefits across as many communities as possible.</p>

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**What is the
desired
outcome
sought?
(required)
350 word limit**

That the benefits of the 2032 Olympic Games are equitably shared with the rest of the State particularly rural and remote Queensland communities.

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5.3 COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICATION TO THE RESOURCES COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - MINOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**Document Number:** 746832**Author:** Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**Directorate:** Executive Services**Portfolio:** Tourism, Events, Sports and Recreation, Library**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) is a voluntary partnership between government and the resources industry and seeks to support infrastructure that is in addition to existing planned State and resource company funded community infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

Council endorse the drafting of a funding application to the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) – Minor Infrastructure Projects for installation of additional aquatic infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

Minor infrastructure – Projects seeking funding of at least \$100,000 (excluding GST) to a maximum of \$1 million (excluding GST)

The \$100 million Fund has been established by a voluntary partnership between coal and mineral companies through the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and the Queensland Government. The resources industry will be contributing \$70 million and the State contributing \$30 million.

The fund will be available to eligible communities to further develop their economic and social infrastructure to access services that meet resource community needs and maximise and enhance community wellbeing.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.3	Assist community groups to increase their sustainability and build social capacity
	1.8	Coordinate and review sport and recreation opportunities to encourage a healthier lifestyle in the region

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Directors

Councillors

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to all human rights relevant as per Council's Human Rights Policy.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council DOES NOT endorse the drafting of a funding application to the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) – Minor Infrastructure Projects for installation of additional aquatic infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.4 COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICATION TO THE RESOURCES COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**Document Number:** 746846**Author:** Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**Directorate:** Executive Services**Portfolio:** Tourism, Events, Sports and Recreation, Library**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) is a voluntary partnership between government and the resources industry and seeks to support infrastructure that is in addition to existing planned State and resource company funded community infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

Council endorse the drafting of a funding application to the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) – Major Infrastructure Projects for replacement of sporting infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

Major infrastructure – Projects seeking funding of over \$1 million (excluding GST) to a maximum of \$8 million (excluding GST).

The \$100 million Fund has been established by a voluntary partnership between coal and mineral companies through the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and the Queensland Government. The resources industry will be contributing \$70 million and the State contributing \$30 million.

The fund will be available to eligible communities to further develop their economic and social infrastructure to access services that meet resource community needs and maximise and enhance community wellbeing.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.3	Assist community groups to increase their sustainability and build social capacity
	1.8	Coordinate and review sport and recreation opportunities to encourage a healthier lifestyle in the region

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Directors

Councillors

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to all human rights relevant as per Council's Human Rights Policy.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council DOES NOT endorse the drafting of a funding application to the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (RCIF) – Major Infrastructure Projects for replacement of sporting infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil