LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE – DRAFT MOTIONS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the recommended voting decisions and authorises the Cairns Regional Council delegates at the 2011 Annual Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) conference to vote on the “A” Motions accordingly.

INTRODUCTION:

The LGAQ’s 115 Annual Conference is to be held at the Gold Coast from the 3 October to 6 October 2011.

BACKGROUND:

At the Finance & Administration Committee meeting, 15th June 2011, Council endorsed four (4) draft motions to be submitted to the annual LGAQ conference. These motions are numbered 9, 14, 48 and 57 in the list of “A” motions which is attached.

As Cairns Regional Council has two votes at LGAQ, the Finance & Administration Committee meeting, 13th July 2011, nominated two delegates, Cr Cooper & Cr Lesina, to attend the annual LGAQ conference. Also attending in an observatory capacity will be Cr Gregory, Cr Forsyth, Cr Leu and Cr Lanskey.

COMMENT:

The agenda for the LGAQ conference has been received which includes the “A” Motions to be deliberated at the upcoming conference. These motions have been considered by staff and a schedule detailing the recommended voting decisions is attached to this report.

In addition the CEO will also be attending the conference and has been invited to participate as a panel member at the “100 Day Report”, LGAQ Annual Conference Workshop. At the workshop the CEO will delivering a presentation on how a Council (or Councillor) can progress their commitments in the first 100 days, what’s needed to work with the system of local government and the people in local government.
CONSIDERATIONS:

Corporate and Operational Plans:

This report has been prepared in accordance with Corporate Goal 6 – Striving for Organisational Excellence.

Statutory:

Council representation at this conference is in accordance with the Councillors roles and responsibilities as per Section 12 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Policy:

The General Policy requires those Councillors attending to prepare and provide a report at the relevant meeting immediately following return from the Conference / Meeting. That report is to include a summary of the conference and recommendations and in this instance feedback on significant decisions. It is proposed that that report could be presented to the monthly Governance session with the Executive Team.

Financial and Risk:

The General Policy prescribes what expenses are allowable and there is adequate budget provision in the 2011/2012 budget for conference attendance by Councillors.

Sustainability:

As this report sole focus is on how Cairns Regional Council delegates will vote at the upcoming LGAQ Conference, there are no positive or negative impacts on the sustainability assessment.

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Sustainability Assessment report

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Resources: 50%

Environment: 50%

Community: 50%

Governance: 50%
CONSULTATION:

Advice has been obtained from relevant areas of Council to determine the recommended voting preference for “A” motions being deliberated on at the conference.

OPTIONS:

The following options are available:

1. That Council endorses the recommended voting option and authorises the Cairns Regional Council delegates at the 2011 Annual Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) conference to vote on the “A” Motions accordingly.

2. That Council endorses an amended voting option and authorises the Cairns Regional Council delegates at the 2011 Annual Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) conference to vote on the “A” Motions accordingly.

CONCLUSION:

The Cairns Regional Council delegates will be required to vote on the motions as adopted by Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Schedule of voting recommendations
Extract from LGAQ Conference agenda “A” Motions.

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