

2022 Mid-Year Advocacy Highlights

The Advocacy Plan approaches its first anniversary in September this year. Council continues to work across key initiatives contained within the plan as well as on other opportunities as they present themselves for the benefit of the region.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



- ✓ Council support to request city classification from the Minister for Local Government to elevate the region's status and attract social as well as economic benefits
- ✓ The SEQ City Deal signed in March includes **\$210 million** for a Growth Area Compact for Caboolture West as well as access to other funding programs including a guaranteed **\$45 million** from the SEQ Liveability Fund
- ✓ A further **\$15 million** loan funding committed to the water and sewer infrastructure at Caboolture West via the State Government's Growth Acceleration Fund
- ✓ **\$15.3 million** in election campaign commitments from local Labor candidates
- ✓ Establishment of a State Government Taskforce, with our Mayor as a member, to consider reforms to manage dangerous dogs
- ✓ Secured a ministerial exemption for Telstra to improve phone reception in Cedar Creek and eliminate a coverage blackspot
- ✓ Convened the inaugural Mayor's 2032 Legacy Working Group, the first legacy group in South East Queensland to meet, to discuss how this global event can advance the region.

KEY ENGAGEMENTS

- ✓ Met with the Deputy Premier in July to advocate on local projects and infrastructure
- ✓ Large scale engagement in May regarding proposed reclassification from a regional to a city council to understand the community's views
- ✓ Met with the leadership team of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) in May to discuss our regional priorities
- ✓ The International and Australian Olympic Committees tour the Mill to see the site for our 2032 Indoor Centre
- ✓ Met with Chris Whiting MP in January to discuss potential for a State-sponsored advanced manufacturing hub
- ✓ Meetings with FIFA to progress two sites as potential training camps for the 2023 Women's World Cup.

KEY SUBMISSIONS MADE

- City reclassification submission to the Minister for Local Government following a council resolution in July
- State Penalties Enforcement (Modernisation) Amendment Bill 2022, which resulted in an invitation for the CEO to appear before a parliamentary committee and commentary from the Treasurer in Parliament about our debt recovery practices
- Advocated to the Federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure to convert City Deal funding from a loan to a grant to support the delivery of Caboolture West
- LGAQ Housing Needs Survey
- Delivery of council's first State Government Budget Submission to advocate for local project funding
- Acknowledged release of the finalised State Infrastructure Strategy (SIS) through Mayoral letter to Deputy Premier

KEY PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Ongoing and close collaboration with the Council of Mayors South East Queensland to ensure we are well-positioned to access funding for our Food Organics and Garden Organics processing facility and service
- Work with key stakeholders to support the establishment of a local Wildlife Hospital
- An internal Buchanan Road working group established to prepare an Infrastructure Australia bid for this \$200 million project
- A Federal Advocacy Plan is being developed to guide engagement with the Albanese Government over the next 3 years
- Legacy planning for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games

