

# 2023 End of Year Advocacy Highlights

## Key achievements

- On 28 July 2023, the Queensland Government notified a formal amendment under the *Local Government (Moreton Bay City Council) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023*. This formally amended the Change Commission's recommendation that Moreton Bay Regional Council be classified Moreton Bay City Council.
- Council convened the second biennial Moreton Bay Leaders' Forum on 21 July, bringing together 19 of the city's elected representatives, with Ed Husic, Federal Minister for Industry and Science delivering the luncheon keynote address.
- As part of the 2023 Leaders' Forum, City of Moreton Bay launched itself as Australia's newest city.
- In December 2023, Council hosted seven LNP Members of Parliament for our second Shadow Cabinet briefings, including Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader and Shadow Treasurer.
- Federal government funding of \$32.75 million was maintained for the Youngs Crossing project, despite cuts to other national projects as part of the infrastructure review.
- Council awarded a \$63.5 million contract for an organics service, commencing with garden organics collection in December 2024. Applications for state government contributions towards bin rollout and bin lid colour harmonisation are progressing.
- Council formally endorsed the use of its land at 420 Old Gympie Road, Dakabin for the establishment of a wildlife hospital. Preparation of a master plan for the site is underway.
- Expressions of Interest completed for five projects to utilise Moreton Bay's \$45.54 million share of the City Deal SEQ Liveability Fund.
- Following sustained advocacy by Council and the Mayor's active participation in Minister Furner's taskforce, the state government introduced legislation in November to strengthen animal management laws to help make communities safer from dangerous dogs.
- Convened Mayor's 2032 Legacy Working Group with Deakin University, Health and Wellbeing Queensland and other representatives to develop a Preventative Health pilot project, the first of its kind as part of the 2032 Games.
- A Commendation Award was received for Planning Excellence for the Moreton Bay City Vision at the 2023 Queensland Planning Institute of Australia Awards.
- Finalised the demand analysis for a Moreton Bay Ferry Service for review.
- Successfully hosted Brazil at Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.
- In December, the Council of Mayors endorsed the SEQ Waterways and Wetlands Investment Strategy, which will be the vehicle to allocate \$40 million in City Deal funding for the management of catchments.
- Parliamentary inquiry into copper and other metals theft was established after City of Moreton Bay highlighted the impact on our communities.

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## Key engagements

- Mayoral meetings with key state government ministers, including:
  - Hon Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for Housing
  - Hon Leanne Enoch, Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts
  - Hon Leanne Linard, Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.
- The Mayor also made a keynote address to the Play Matters Forum on Olympics 2032 Legacy and Children's Play.

## Key submissions

- Submission for the amendment to animal management laws
- Inquiry into copper and other metals theft
- Gympie Road Bypass Tunnel
- Bribie Island and Surrounds Transport and Mobility Study
- Three motions submitted to LGAQ Annual Conference and all carried
- Applications for Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) funding worth over \$24 million.

## Key projects in progress

- Caboolture revitalisation and market sounding.
- Ongoing work with the state government on the Project Validation Review phase for the 2032 Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre.
- New Advocacy Plan 2024-2028.

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