

# 2023 Mid-Year Advocacy Highlights

Approaching the second anniversary of the Advocacy Plan, Council continues to work towards the key initiatives identified, as well as opportunities as they present themselves for the benefit of the region.

## Key achievements

- Our efforts to have Moreton Bay reclassified as a city culminated in Deputy Premier Steven Miles accepting the Local Government Change Commission's recommendation in support of Council's submission.
- Convened a workshop with key stakeholders that resulted in broad agreement on a way forward for the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital.
- Reconvened the Mayor's 2032 Legacy Working Group to discuss legacy projects and initiatives for the region.
- The Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) project took a major step forward with endorsement from Council to call for tenders for a garden organics service. This progress dovetails with Council's engagement in Council of Mayors' SEQ Waste Management Plan.
- The Premier intervened to expedite the reforms being sought by Council to strengthen the regulation of dangerous dogs to protect our community.

## Key engagements

- Mayoral meetings with key State Government Ministers, including:
  - Deputy Premier Miles
  - Minister Hinchliffe
  - Minister Crawford
  - Minister Butcher
- Mayoral meetings in Canberra with the Brazilian Chargé d'affaires and the High Commissioners of the United Kingdom and New Zealand to promote cooperation.
- Mayor's participation in the Queensland Government's 2032 Legacy Forum.
- Discussions with Woodfordia culminating in a presentation to Council to discuss expansion opportunities for the Woodford Folk Festival.

## Key submissions made

- Review of Australia's higher education system in support of UniSC's goals.
- Review of Climate Change Mitigation Bill
- Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience
- Cyber Secure Queensland Strategic Plan
- National Reconstruction Fund
- Budget submissions to each local State Government MP requesting support for local and region shaping projects.

## Key projects in progress

- Ongoing work with the State Government on the Project Validation Review phase for the 2032 Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre.
- Continuing hosting preparations for Brazil at Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.
- Preparations for the 2023 Moreton Bay Leaders' Forum on July 21.
- Internal collaboration to identify suitable projects for City Deal funding initiatives.
- Work to secure and finalise data sharing agreement between Council and Suncorp.
- Review and cross-department coordination for review of council landholdings.
- City reclassification impact identification and prioritisation.
- Caboolture CBD and centre strategy.

