

"Working Together"

REGIONS - PARTNERSHIPS
COMMUNITIES - ALLIANCES

"We're from LGAQ and we're here to HELP!"

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MACKAY



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Engineer Vs Policy Maker

A man takes a balloon ride at a local country fair. A fierce wind suddenly kicks up, causing the balloon to violently leave the fair and carry its occupant out into the countryside. The man has no idea where he is, so he goes down to five meters above ground and asks a passing wanderer: "Excuse me, sir, can you tell me where I am?"

Eyeing the man in the balloon the passer-by says: "You are in a red balloon, five meters above ground."

The balloon's unhappy resident replied, "You must be an ENGINEER" "How could you possibly know that?" asks the passer-by.

"Because your answer is technically correct but absolutely useless, and the fact is I am still lost". "Then you must be in POLICY DEVELOPMENT", said the passer-by.

"Thats right! How did you know?"

"You have such a good view from where you are, and yet you don't know where you are and you don't know where you are going. The fact is you are in the exact same position you were in before we met, but now your problem is somehow my fault!"



LGAQ – Who are we?

Peak body representing 125 individual city, town and shire Councils as well as 10 Aboriginal and Islander Community Councils in Queensland.

Mission Statement

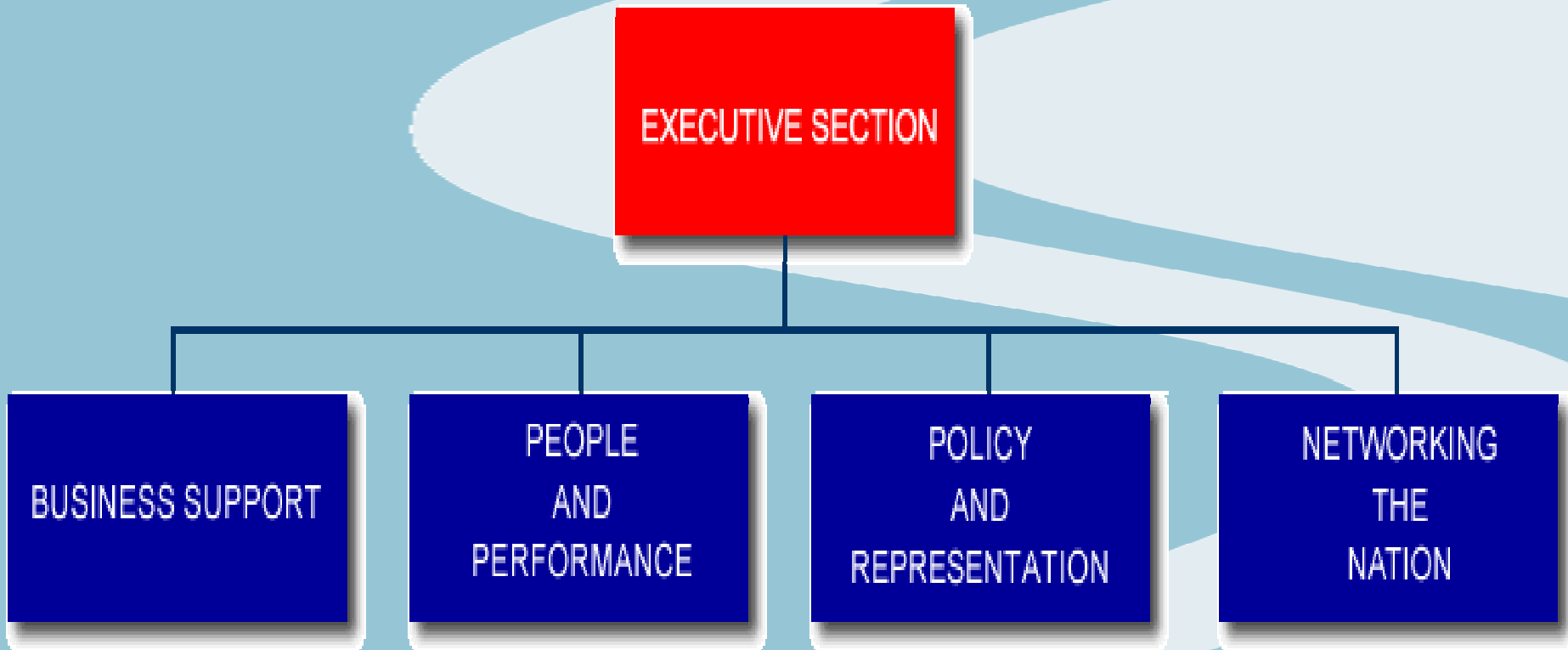
“To Strengthen the ability and performance of Local Government to better serve the community”.

Objectives

- Promote the interests, rights and entitlements of Members;
- Promote the efficient performance of Local Government in Queensland;
- Monitor and take action in relation to any legislation affecting Members;
- Advise and counsel Members in matters of doubt or difficulty
- Undertake and promote activities endorsed at Annual Conference which are in the interest of Local Government in Queensland.



LGAQ Structure



Policy & Representation Branch

- Contribute to LGAQ's mission
- Policy research & development
- Advocacy & representation
- Policy & program implementation
- Information, advice & support
- Intergovernmental & member relations
- Stakeholder & community relations
- Represent Local Government in state and federal committees, working groups etc.

Major Branch Restructure in 2002



Why a Restructure?

LGAQ CENSUS 2000



Key Issues for Local
Government in the next
four years

Top 20

Sample:

24 Councils

167 Councillors

- Roads & Traffic ✓ ✓ ✓
- Revenue, funding, grants ✓ ✓ ✓
- Water ✓
- Environment ✓ ✓
- National Competition Policy ✓ ✓
- Economic Development/Employment ✓ ✓
- Devolution of responsibilities ✓
- Regional/rural economic downturn ✓
- Native Title/Cultural Heritage ✓
- Growth Management, Planning, IPA ✓ ✓ ✓
- Information Technology, Telecommunications ✓ ✓
- Waste Management ✓
- Natural Resource Management ✓ ✓
- Social Policy, Community Development/Services, Youth ✓ ✓
- Accountability/Liability ✓
- Workplace Health & Safety, Industrial Relations, HR ✓
- Infrastructure funding ✓
- Increasing community demands ✓
- Amalgamations/boundaries ✓
- Council and financial management ✓ ✓



Policy & Representation Sections

Portfolio Areas;

- **Finance, Governance & Community**
- **Environment and Planning**
- **Roads, Transport and Infrastructure**



Roads Transport & Infrastructure

Program Areas

Roads

Funding Assistance
Road Planning and Delivery
Safety
ALGA Portfolio

Water Supply and Sewerage

Operation
Water Act 2000

Natural Disaster Management

Funding Arrangements
Protection of Infrastructure

Counter Terrorism

Protection of Critical Infrastructure

Transport

Funding Assistance
Planning
Level Crossing Management
Roads & Transport Forum

Aviation

Regional Services
Funding Assistance

Communication

Telecommunications
Service Access



Roads Transport & Infrastructure

Staff Members

Lindsay Enright – Manager



Simone Talbot – Policy Officer (AKA Roads Princess No. 1)



Michael Clair – Water Reform Project Officer



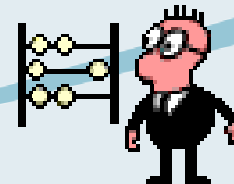
Jade Higgins – Administration Support



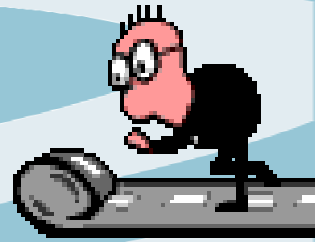
Corrin Bischoff – Policy Officer (AKA Roads Princess No. 2)



Graham Jordan – Engineering Consultant



Current Projects - Roads



- Roads Alliance Program
- Roads Off Alignment
- Performance Based Standards for Heavy Vehicles
- Roadside Amenities Policy
- Sole Invitee Works Guidelines
- Damage to Roads Policy
- ALGA National Local Roads Database



Current Projects - Transport

- Integrated Transport Planning Framework
- Review of LGAQ / Queensland Transport Protocol
- Level Crossing MOU & Safety Program
- Queensland Road Safety Strategy
- Intelligent Transport Systems
- Roads & Transport Forum – 29, 30 April 2004
- Federal Programs – Auslink



Current Projects - Water



- Water Act – Service Provider Regulation
- Wastewater Reuse



Current Projects – Counter Terrorism & Natural Disaster Management

- Implementation of Disaster Mitigation Australia Package
- Critical Infrastructure Counter Terrorism Risk Assessment
- Local Government Counter Terrorism Risk Management Kit



Future Projects

- Roads, Transport & Infrastructure Reference Groups
- Roads Transport and Infrastructure database on LGAQ-Net
- Regional Air and Water Transport
- Public Utilities in the Road Reserve
- Infrastructure Policies and Research
- MOU signed with IPWEAQ to develop joint interests



Other LGAQ Services

- Risk Management and Insurance
- Human Resources and Industrial Relations
- Training & Traineeships
- Tendering and Contracts – Local Buy
- Local Government Online – NTN Project



How Can LGAQ Assist Local Government Engineers?

