

LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION – 2016

Submitting council / organisation Sunshine Coast Council	
Date of council / organisation resolution 18 August 2016	LGAQ Policy Executive district District 2 (South East)
Number and title of motion	
Motion	To request that the State Government review Planning Scheme amendment processes with a view to removing or significantly reducing the timeframes associated with First State Interest Check Reviews.
Background	The timeframes involved in the completion of State interest reviews of planning scheme amendments are adversely affecting the capacity of local government to implement planning policy in a timely manner. Planning schemes ought to be living documents and be able to be modified in such a way that they can lead rather than follow emerging issues. In recent times there is evidence of 1 st State interest review processes taking up to 12 months to complete. This delay poses a significant risk to the integrity of the plan-making system and makes it difficult for local government to retain the integrity of planning schemes over time. A major review of State interest review processes is required to support planning reform and ensure that local government can continue to deliver appropriate planning policy in an effective and timely manner. This review should go well beyond the current proposals as set out in the guidelines supporting the new planning act.
What is the desired outcome sought? What are the impacts (positive or negative) on local government?	That the LGAQ Annual Conference resolves to support the motion to engage with the State Government to review the Planning Scheme amendment processes as outlined above.
LGAQ comment	