Government Bodies Report 2025-26

Table 1. Concillor Conduct Tribunal

Act or instrument	*Local Government Act 2009* (LG Act)				
Functions	• Conducting hearings of applications made by the independent assessor and deciding what action the tribunal will take under section 150AR of the LG Act to discipline the councillor or take no action against the councillor. • Any function given to the Tribunal under the LG Act, or any other related function as directed in writing by the Minister.				
Achievements	3 Applications heard and decision delivered				
Financial reporting	Accounted for in financial statements of the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV).				
Remuneration					
Position	**Name**	**Meetings/ sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
President	Mr Russell Hood	7	FTE SE3.4	N/A	$238,968.49
Deputy President (Chair)	Dr Ryan Haddrick	0	$520 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Mr Brendan Walker-Munro	1 Admin	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$4,400 $2,600
Member	Mr Troy Newman	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Mr Russell Faulkner	0 Admin	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0 $800
Member	Ms Kylie Goodwin	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Ms Rebecca Ogge	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Mr Rodney Ferguson	1 Admin	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$1,600 $1,200
Member	Ms Emma Fogerty	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Ms Louise Prychidczuk	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Ms Danielle Brown	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member (Resigned 12/01/2026)	Mr Robert Olding	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member (Resigned 3/12/2025)	Mr Greg Chemello	0	$400 (<4h)	N/A	$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	3 Applications heard and decision delivered 3 Applications awaiting hearing 1 Application withdrawn				
Total out of pocket expenses	$777.79				

Table 2. Expenditure Advisory Committee for the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment

Act or instrument	*Water Act 2000* (Water Act)				
Functions	Section 479 of the Water Act provides that the functions performed by the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment (OGIA) are to be funded by a levy on resource tenure holders. The structure of the levy is established in the Water Regulation 2016. Section 479(6) of the Water Act provides that OGIA may consult with a relevant advisory body on the planned expenditure that is to be recovered through the levy. The Expenditure Advisory Committee (EAC) is established by OGIA under section 461 of the Water Act for that purpose. The EAC is not a decision-making body. OGIA prepares proposed budgets and consults with the EAC in relation to the proposed budgets. The Minister approves OGIA budgets.				
Achievements	The EAC provided an oversight of OGIA's expenditure and budget for the FY 2025-26				
Financial reporting	Nil				
Remuneration					
Position	**Name**	**Meetings/ sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Chair	Gail-Godwin Smith	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Andrew Barger	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Andrew Brier	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Jo Sheppard	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Keld Knudsen	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Kavita Singh	1	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Anna Fisbek	1	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	2				
Total out of pocket expenses	The members of the EAC will not be remunerated. In accordance with the remuneration procedures for part-time Chairs and Members of Queensland Government Bodies, all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred while travelling on EAC business and attending meetings in connection with the functions of the EAC may be paid to the Chair and members. NIL out of pocket expenses for 2025-26.				

Table 3. Local Government Change Commission

Act or instrument	LG Act *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (CoB Act)
Functions	The Local Government Change Commission (LGCC) is established to assess whether a proposed local government change is in the public interest, e.g. a change to the boundaries of a local government area, the number of councillors for a local government, the name of a local government area. The Change Commission is made up of the Electoral Commissioner or any combination of the Electoral Commissioner, Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Casual Commissioners (appointed by the Governor in Council). The Electoral Commissioner can choose any or all of the Casual Commissioners to help assess a particular change proposal.
Achievements	There were no local government change proposals referred to the LGCC for assessment in the 2025-26 financial year. The LGCC commenced preparations for divisional boundary reviews which are due to start from October 2026 and be finalised prior to the 2028 local government elections.
Financial reporting	In accordance with the Remuneration Procedures for Part-time Chairs and Members of Queensland Government Bodies, public sector employees are ineligible for remuneration. It is proposed that the casual commissioners will not receive any additional remuneration for undertaking duties under the LGCC.

Note: Each year, the Electoral Commission of Queensland reports on the operation of the LGCC in its annual reports, as required under section 25 of the LG Act.

Table 4. Local Government Grants Commission

Act or instrument	*Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (LG FA Act) LG Act *Local Government Regulation 2012* (LG Regulation)
Functions	To make recommendations to the Minister concerning the allocation of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) to the Local Governing Bodies in Queensland.
Achievements	The Commission made recommendations for the distribution of the FA Grant for 2025–26 and distribution of the funding over the financial year to councils. The Commission held meetings and consulted with councils and the public to hear feedback regarding the significance and impact of the FA Grant funding in assisting councils provide services to local communities. The Commission attended a hearing and made a submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.
Financial reporting	Under section 15(b) of the Commonwealth LG FA Act, the state Treasurer must provide the Commonwealth Minister with a schedule of FA Grant payments (amounts and dates) that has been certified by the state Auditor-General. This is to be provided as soon as practicable after 30 June each year. Funding for the operations of the Commission, including secretariat staff, is provided by the department.

Remuneration

Position	**Name**	**Meetings/ sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Chair	Vic Pennisi	5	$10,000 (p.a.)	N/A	$7,500
Deputy Chair	Joshua Hannan	4	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Jan Pool	4	$6,000 (p.a.)	N/A	$7,565
Member	Elvie Sandow	4	$6,000 (p.a.)	N/A	$4,500
Member	Jane McNamara	5	$6,000 (p.a.)	N/A	$4,500
Member	Peter Scott	5	$6,000 (p.a.)	N/A	$4,500

No. scheduled meetings/sessions	There were 5 scheduled Commission meetings for the financial year (one of which was primarily for new members). Commissioners also meet with councils to listen to their concerns and to discuss the FA Grant distribution methodology. The Commission held a meeting with 1 council which was open to the public. The Commission held 15 deputation meetings with councils at the Local Government Association of Queensland annual conference.
Total out of pocket expenses	$6,532.29. This amount covers the reimbursement of travel related expenses such as taxi fares and light refreshments/meals.

Table 5. Local Government Remuneration Commission

Act or instrument	LG Act LG Regulation				
Functions	The functions of the Commission, as stipulated by the LG Act (section 177) are: • to establish the categories of local governments, and • to decide the category to which each local government belongs, and • to decide the maximum amount of remuneration payable to the councillors in each of the categories, and to consider and make recommendations to the Minister about the following matters relating to councillor advisors: • whether or not to prescribe a local government under section 197D(1)(a) • the number of councillor advisors each councillor of a local government may appoint • the number of councillor advisors a councillor of the council under the CoB Act may appoint; and • another function related to the remuneration of councillors if directed, in writing, by the Minister.				
Achievements	The Commission met on three occasions throughout 2025-26 and held additional deputations with 16 local governments at the Local Government Association of Queensland Conference on 20-21 October 2025. The Commission also met with the Director-General of the DLGWV to discuss sector observations and issues. The Commission reached its remuneration determinations for 2026-27, which was published in the Government Gazette on the 12 December 2025 and communicated to councils on the same date. Determinations were made for all local governments, with increases in allowable remuneration of between 3.25% and 4.5%, Indigenous and very small/remote councils receiving the largest increase.				
Financial reporting	Transactions of the Commission are accounted for in the financial statements of the DLGWV.				
Remuneration					
Position	**Name**	**Meetings/sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Chair	Bob Abbot OAM	4	$325 (<4h)	N/A	$8,700
Member	Andrea Ranson	4	$250 (<4h)	N/A	$7,875
Member	Reimen Hii	4	$250 (<4h)	N/A	$14,750
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	5 scheduled (1 cancelled because of lack of a quorum).				
Total out of pocket expenses	$1,270.68				

Table 6. Ministerial Advisory Council for Flood Mitigation Manuals

Act or instrument	Section 570 of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Water Supply Act)
Functions	The functions of the Ministerial Advisory Council (MAC) are to provide advice to the Minister under sections 371E and 372 of the Water Supply Act by independently assessing a referred flood mitigation manual and by producing a report with appropriate advice and recommendations on whether to approve or not approve the manual.
Achievements	The MAC for Flood Mitigations met five times during October-December 2025 and provided advice to the Minister on the Flood Mitigation Manual for North Pine Dam Revision 13 submitted by Seqwater for approval in October 2025. The MAC met twice during February-June 2026 to discuss Seqwater's progress in implementing the recommended improvements to the North Pine Dam Flood Mitigation Manual, which is due for submission to the Minister in August 2026.
Financial reporting	Included in the DLGWV's Annual report.

Remuneration

Position	**Name**	**Meetings/sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Chair (from 10 December 2025)	Greg Claydon	2	$520 (>4h) $260 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Acting Chair (until 9 December 2025)	Sam Banzi	7	$520 (>4h) $260 (<4h)	N/A	$8,580
Member (until 9 December 2025)	Greg Claydon	3	$400 (>4h) $200 (<4h)	N/A+	$1,800
Member (from 10 December 2025)	Sam Banzi	2	$400 (>4h) $200 (<4h)		$0
Member	Mark Babister	5	$400 (>4h) $200 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Rory Nathan	8	$400 (>4h) $200 (<4h)	N/A	$2,800
Member	Ella Harrison	8	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Sharon Wang	2	$400 (>4h) $200 (<4h)	N/A	$0
Member	Peter Pennel	2	$400 (>4h) $200 (<4h)	N/A	$1,200
Local government Member	Dan Staley	3	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Local government Member	Luke Hannan	6	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Local government Member	Kaye Cavanagh	4	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Local government Member	Elizabeth Sisson	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A

No. scheduled meetings/sessions	9
Total out of pocket expenses	$1,073.43 reimbursed for travel expenses. $4,404.26 paid by DLGWV for flights, transport to North Pine Dam, catering and accommodation during 2025-26 FY. The Acting Chair and 3 Members have been also paid for work hours outside of the meetings. Actual fees received are inclusive of the costs for extra work, however additional individual work sessions are not reflected in the number of meetings listed above. Six members were appointed to the MAC in March 2025. The Minister made further appointments, including the Chair, on 10 December 2025.

Table 7. Queensland Great Artesian Basin Advisory Council

Act or instrument	Section 1005 of the Water Act
Functions	To ensure that the Minister responsible for the Water Act is fully advised of the views of industry, communities and other stakeholders of the water resource management issues concerning the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers (GABORA) water plan, including the sustainability of the artesian and sub-artesian water resources, the environmental, social and cultural significance of the water, and the impacts of GABORA water resources on the land overlying the basin.
Achievements	• Strengthened stakeholder engagement and 4 productive meetings held – 2 of which were held on the Basin providing great opportunity for the Council to meet with local communities and stakeholders who rely on Great Artesian Basin (GAB) water. • Promotion of enhanced groundwater monitoring and data collection: the Council has supported improved transparency around data sharing of bore, spring and groundwater information, aiding in strengthening evidence-based decision-making across the basin. • Supported community education and engagement initiatives including promoting water stewardship and the ongoing value of the GAB for landholders and communities. • Facilitated consideration of emerging policy issues including carbon capture and storage, groundwater dependent ecosystem protection, drilling standards and regulatory processes affecting GAB stakeholders. • Promoted collaborative regional initiatives including local government efforts to assess infrastructure risks and opportunities to improve long-term water security outcomes for Basin communities.
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements of the DLGWV.

Remuneration

Position	**Name**	**Meetings/ sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Chair	Scott Mason	3	$390 (>4h) $195 (<4h)	N/A	$3,900
Member	Gail Godwin-Smith	3	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Todd Symons	3	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Nigel Parratt	3	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Leanne Kohler	1	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Keld Knudsen	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Natasha Duncan	1	$300 (>4h) $150 (<4h)	N/A	$600
Member	Nicole Duguid	0	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	William Winks	2	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Jo Sheppard	3	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Patricia McKenzie	3	Not remunerated	N/A	N/A
Member	Yvonne Tunney	2	$300 (>4h) $150 (<4h)	N/A	$1,800

No. scheduled meetings/sessions	3
Total out of pocket expenses	Total cost of all meetings: $45,090.18 (including sitting fees, out of pocket expenses and cost of meetings) Total cost of sitting fees: $6,300 Out of pocket expenses: $4,424.06

Table 8. Water Act Referral Panel

Act or instrument	Water Act				
Functions	The Water Act Referral Panel (Panel) provides independent advice and recommendations to the chief executive on a range of water planning matters and to the Minister on moratorium matters, under Chapter 2 of the Water Act.				
Achievements	No Panel meetings were convened during the 2025-2026 period.				
Financial reporting	Accounted for in financial statements of the DLGWV.				
Remuneration					
Position	**Name**	**Meetings/ sessions attendance**	**Approved annual, sessional or daily fee**	**Approved sub-committee fees if applicable**	**Actual fees received**
Member	Fiona Barron	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Allan Dale	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Cheryl Dalton	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Alison Dowling	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Richard Mobbs	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Claire Rodgers	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Yvonne Spreadborough	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
Member	Poh-Ling Tan	0	$500 daily	N/A	$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	0				
Total out of pocket expenses	$0				