



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

<https://www.lgmaql.org.au/Governance-Advisory-Service>

To be read in conjunction with the FAQs

Key Messages

- Suite of core policies
- Work with councils to develop, implement and train in-house
- Undertake health check of governance frameworks
- Policies tailored to council needs
- Build capacity of council officers to maintain and continuously improve
- Scalable service options

What is this Governance Advisory Service?

A fully funded service by the DSDILGP, facilitated through the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) to assist councils with policy/governance matters and compliance.

The three key aims of this two-year funded position is to support Queensland local Governments in:

- developing a library of core policy, reporting and monitoring systems.
- support the implementation of good governance (best) practices in councils of varying sizes; and
- work with individual councils to tailor documents, train staff and assist in the implementation and consistent adoption across councils.

The Governance Advisory Service is overseen by the Joint Reference Group, which consists of Department personnel, LGMA CEO and an independent LGMA Nominated expert.

Who is the Governance Advisor

The Governance Advisor is an employee of the [Local Government Managers Australia](https://www.lgmaql.org.au) (LGMA):

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The Governance Advisor will be working in liaison with the [DSDILGP](#) Regional Directors and Advisors to ensure synergy in delivery and opportunities for collaboration.

What is in scope

Governance Advisory Service is specifically looking at core local government compliance relating to the sound governance and administration of councils. This is in relation to legislation, standards and best practice.

Refer to the Policy Compliance Matrix that provides a full list of the relevant policies, procedures and governance processes that are in scope.

What is not in scope

- Policies and procedures relating to other LG business such as, but not limited to:

Human resources	Waste
Water	Planning
Library services	Community engagement
Economic development	Delegations
One-on-One Mentoring	Finance

- Day-to-Day advice on all thing's governance/local government
 - Governance Advisor will provide general comment and create avenues to obtain responses/clarity
 - Opportunity to leverage of existing portals/groups:
 - Regional Advisors
 - LGMA Governance Discussion Board
 - Create champion working groups

Opportunities / Collaboration

The Governance Advisor will identify any trends and issues raised by Councils and where applicable report these back to the Joint Reference Group for the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Governance and Planning to respond.

As issues arise, in particular those directly impacting the operations and opportunities for local government, there may be the option to create special working groups to work on projects and collaboratively work together to develop governance systems to respond to contemporary needs – for example delegations, risk management systems.

Your Local Government Resource Library

All tools and templates will be located on LG Central, the one stop shop for accessing information including policies, best practice guidelines, checklists, templates, FAQs, and online training

LG Central is your Local Government Knowledge Centre -

<https://lgcentral.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/p/#/app/dashboard>

LGMA - www.lgmaqld.org.au/Governance-Advisory-Service