

15 December 2021

Mayor Greg Christensen and Mr Jon Gibbons,
Scenic Rim Regional Council
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Dear Mayor Christensen and CEO,

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL OF MAYORS (SEQ) 2032 REGIONAL WORKING GROUP

As you are aware the Council of Mayors (SEQ) began the Brisbane 2032 journey back in 2015 as a catalyst to deliver critical transport infrastructure for our region, and to position South East Queensland (SEQ) as a global destination for tourism, trade and investment.

Council of Mayors (SEQ) is proud to have worked with member Councils, as well as the State and Federal governments on successfully securing the world's largest event for our region - the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympics Games.

The Games provides a generational opportunity for SEQ, and now we have secured the Games, Council of Mayors (SEQ) remains committed to working with member Councils to ensure our region maximises the benefits only an Olympics can bring.

Collaboration was at the heart of our successful 2032 bid, and I believe it has never been more important for SEQ Councils to continue to work together to maximise benefit for our communities.

Council of Mayors (SEQ) has continued to work closely with the State Government's 2032 Taskforce, and there is an opportunity to support ongoing positive outcomes for SEQ through a coordinated and regional approach.

Accordingly, at its meeting on Friday 12 November 2021, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) Board resolved to establish a 2032 Regional Working Group. The working group will provide an opportunity for SEQ Councils to identify, collaborate and lead key regional legacy and advocacy priorities in the lead up to 2032 and beyond.

It is proposed this regional level working group will support regional collaboration and information sharing, identify key regional legacy opportunities, and coordinate this work at a regional level across our 11 Local Government Areas (LGAs). This could include a regional approach to opportunities such as pre-games training and events, accessibility, and trade.

Importantly, I am aware many councils are considering or have established their own local committees, and I see this as an important mechanism to support the work of the Council of Mayors (SEQ)'s 2032 Regional Working Group.

It is proposed Council of Mayors (SEQ)'s new 2032 Regional Working Group will meet on Friday 18 March 2022, and I invite your Council to nominate up to one Councillor and two Council officers to join us.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) is excited to continue to work with you and your Council on securing positive outcomes for our region into the future. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3040 3479 or scott.smith@seqmayors.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Scott Smith
CEO, Council of Mayors (SEQ)