1. The Queensland Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) is established under the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act), primarily to make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on the distribution of the Commonwealth financial assistance grants to Local Governments.
2. The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cwth) (the LGFAA) provides that a State is not entitled to payment of its Commonwealth financial assistance grants (FAGs) to local governments unless there is a Local Government Grants Commission of the State.
3. The functions of the Commission include the development of the methodology with respect to making recommendations regarding the allocation of funding among local governing bodies in Queensland.
4. A State is not entitled to payment of an amount in respect of a year unless the Commission has:
   1. made recommendations with respect to the allocation of the amount among local governing bodies in the State;
   2. held public hearings (whether or not it also held private hearings) in connection with the recommendations; and
   3. permitted or required local governing bodies in the State or associations of those bodies to make submissions to it in connection with the recommendations.
5. Cabinet endorsed that Councillor Paul Bell AM (Chairperson), Ms Natalie Wilde (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs Deirdre Comerford, Mrs Janelle Menzies, Mrs Joanna Sheppard and Councillor Leslie Walker (members) be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment to the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission for a term of three years effective from 24 March 2019.
6. *Attachments*
   * Nil.