

2025 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motion Template

Who is the key contact for this motion? (required)	Kim Marxsen – Manager Strategy and Improvement
Submitting council (required)	Gladstone Regional Council
Supporting organisation (if applicable)	
Council resolution # (required)	XXXX
Date of council resolution (required)	15/07/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> Does this motion have state-wide relevance? For a motion to be accepted, it must have state-wide relevance / this box must be ticked.	
Title of motion (required)	Review of Councillor Register of Interests Requirements to Improve Privacy, Safety and Practicality
Motion (required)	<p>That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to undertake a review of the current Councillor Register of Interests (ROI) requirements, with the aim of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balancing transparency with the need to protect the personal privacy and safety of individuals and families who serve their communities; Ensuring the ROI framework continues to serve the public interest without deterring community members from standing for Council roles; and Supporting public confidence in local government through a system that is transparent, fair, and fit-for-purpose.
What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 200 word limit	<p>The desired outcome is a comprehensive review of the Register of Interests requirements to ensure community trust, transparency and accountability are achieved, without unnecessarily compromising the privacy and safety of Councillors and their families. Councillors are calling for clearer, more balanced requirements that minimise the risk of personal harm, protect sensitive information, and align with community expectations around fairness and public interest. The review should also explore whether certain disclosures could be made</p>

	<i>available only to oversight bodies rather than the public, where appropriate.</i>
Background (required) 350 word limit	<p><i>Councillors fully support community trust and transparency in local government decision-making. However, the current requirements for disclosing personal and financial interests under the Register of Interests have raised significant concerns about safety and privacy.</i></p> <p><i>In its current form, the Register of Interests obliges elected members to disclose a broad range of personal information—often including details about property, trusts, liabilities, and the interests of close family members. This level of disclosure can put Councillors and their families at risk, particularly in regional and rural communities where personal details are more easily linked to individuals.</i></p> <p><i>Councillors report that the Register of Interests process has become overly intrusive and exposes them to threats, targeted harassment, and identity risks. This, in turn, can deter community-minded individuals from nominating for council roles, thereby weakening representative democracy.</i></p> <p><i>There is a strong need to review the Register of Interests requirements so Local Governments continue to deliver transparency and integrity while also respecting the rights and safety of those who serve in elected roles.</i></p>
Case study/ Example (optional) 350 word limit	