



LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party recognises that councils in many cases are the largest local employer in many regional communities and play an important and vital role in delivering a broad range of services and employment opportunities. Without these services, many rural communities would struggle to survive or to attract and retain their local populations. Local Government represents grassroots democracy. It is the closest Government entity to citizens and best positioned to hear their concerns. We will work to keep it this way.

We will oppose any reduction of local employment in the Local Government sector. We will encourage an open, transparent and accountable Local Government sector underpinned by the core principles of democracy. The focus will be on recognising the value of local jobs and services, and continuing this model.

Where necessary we will support the cancellation of outsourcing of local jobs to allow for the creation of new job opportunities for local workers.



OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Oppose any future forced council amalgamations and continue to push for a plebiscite vote of community support for de-amalgamation.
2. Support increased investment and funding for Local Government infrastructure and projects, particularly in regional areas.
3. Support further measures and regulations to ensure accountability and transparency of local representatives, including meetings and developer material.
4. Campaign for Local and State Government to provide appropriate support services to assist the homeless and to address underlying issues leading to their homelessness.
5. Support local skills training, health services and water management.
6. Require proper support of roads repair at minimal cost to regional councils.
7. Implement a government funded partnership for affordable housing in regional LGA's.
8. Require telecoms "Black Spots" to be fixed.
9. Government to provide funding and support for disaster preparation.