

MIGRATION AND POPULATION PLANNING

QUEENSLAND FIRST: FREEDOM WITH RESPONSIBILITY

1. Policy Objective

The Libertarian Party of Queensland (LPQ) supports migration that is **peaceful, voluntary, economically self-supporting, and compatible with local capacity.**

Migration policy must protect :

- Individual liberty and freedom of movement
- Property rights and living standards of existing residents
- Local consent and community capacity
- The Non-Aggression Principle (NAP), by preventing uncompensated harm caused by housing shortages, infrastructure overload, and welfare dependence.

While immigration is a Commonwealth power, its impacts are felt most directly at the **state and local level.** Queenslanders have a legitimate right to insist that migration settings reflect Queensland's actual capacity to absorb population growth **without reducing living standards or forcing hardship on residents.**

2. Queensland Population Intake Framework

2.1 State Population Share

LPQ supports Queensland receiving **no more than its fair and manageable share of the national permanent migration intake,** initially set at:

- **28,000 persons per year,** representing approximately **20% of a 140,000 national intake.**

This cap shall apply across all migration streams, including:

- Skilled migration
- Family migration
- Humanitarian and refugee programs
- Graduate and post-study pathways

2.2 Capacity Safeguard

No increase in Queensland's intake shall occur without demonstrable capacity in:

- Housing supply and affordability;
- Transport networks
- Hospitals and health services
- Utilities and essential infrastructure

Any Commonwealth settlement or population agreements affecting Queensland must be subject to **Queensland Parliamentary oversight.**

3. Humanitarian and Refugee Programs

- Queensland will **pause participation in offshore humanitarian intake programs** until the housing crisis is substantially alleviated and Queenslanders in need have access to secure accommodation
- Compassion must not be exercised through policies that **displace citizens into homelessness or poverty.**

When humanitarian intake resumes, LPQ supports models that are:

- **Community-sponsored;**
- **Privately funded;**
- **Voluntary**, allowing individuals, charities, and communities to assist refugees without burdening taxpayers or public housing systems.

4. Graduate and Skilled Migration

- Queensland graduates and young Australians shall be prioritised for employment opportunities before issuing new visas to foreign graduates.
- The **temporary graduate visa system should be suspended in Queensland** while youth unemployment, underemployment, and housing pressures remain elevated.
- Universities should provide education as a service, not operate as de facto migration pathways.



5. Shared Responsibility and Cooperative Federalism

LPQ supports a **cooperative federalism model** in which Queensland and its Local Governments provide **capacity-based certification** to inform Commonwealth migration decisions affecting Queensland communities.

Queensland shall not issue visas or citizenship, but shall certify whether **local and state capacity exists** to absorb additional migrants without harm.

6. Local Capacity Certification (LCC)

Each Local Government Area (LGA) may issue a **Local Capacity Certification (LCC)** stating whether it has capacity to accept additional migrants.

6.1 Objective Criteria

LCCs must be based solely on objective, measurable indicators, including:

- Private housing availability and costs;
- Infrastructure and healthcare capacity;
- Employment demand and labour absorption;
- Community service load.

6.2 Restrictions and Quotas

Where capacity constraints exist, Councils may adopt:

- Temporary restrictions or numerical quotas;
- Defined thresholds triggering limits.

All restrictions must:

- Be published transparently;
- Expire automatically after **12 months** unless renewed by Council vote.



7. Private Migration Assessment System

All migration and citizenship assessments shall be conducted by **certified private assessors**, not government officers.

7.1 Certification and Cost

- Assessors must be certified under a Queensland framework;
- Uniform assessment standards apply statewide;
- **Applicants must bear the full cost** of private assessment.

7.2 Independence

- No migrant advocacy organisation may act as an assessor;
- Assessors may rely on employers, landlords, insurers, sponsors, and professional bodies for verification.

8. Family Unity and Individual Responsibility

8.1 Visa Applications

- Families shall be assessed as a **single unit** for visa purposes;
- Failure by one family member results in refusal of the entire visa application;
- This reflects shared housing, financial support, and community impact.
- Children are derivative and not independently assessed.

8.2 Citizenship Applications

- Adult citizenship applicants shall be assessed **individually**;
- No adult shall succeed or fail based solely on another adult's conduct;
- Children remain derivative under existing law.



9. Objective Assessment Standards

Private assessors must certify that applicants meet the following standards:

9.1 Housing

- Demonstrated financial capacity to secure private accommodation;
- No reliance on public housing.

9.2 Employment or Self-Support

- Employment contract, business capital, or private sponsorship, or a high likelihood of obtaining appropriate employment;
- No access to income support beyond emergency assistance for a defined period.
- Can settle or remain in the Local Government area within existing financial resources, including any reasonable foreseeable period of unemployment.

9.3 Lawful and Peaceful Conduct

Private assessors must certify, and Queensland Police must confirm, that the applicant meets the following standards:

- No serious criminal history;
- No participation in or advocacy of violence, coercion, or intimidation;
- Commitment to comply with Australian law and resolve disputes peacefully;

and

- That Queensland Police Service (QPS) has assessed and confirmed that, having regard to the applicant's risk profile, existing local policing resources within the relevant Local Government Area are sufficient to manage any reasonably foreseeable security risks associated with the applicant, taking into account:
 - Current operational capacity and resourcing of local police;
 - Any substantiated security concerns raised by residents, ratepayers, or elected Councillors within the LGA.

Such assessment shall be based on **operational capacity and risk management considerations only**, and shall not involve cultural, political, religious, or ideological judgement beyond matters directly relevant to lawful and peaceful conduct.

9.4 Civil Compatibility

- Respect for freedom of speech, religion, and association;
- Willingness to resolve political, religious, and ideological differences peacefully and lawfully, and to accept democratic outcomes.

10. Role of Local Councils

Local Councils shall:

- Vote on approval lists submitted by private assessors;
- Certify that assessments comply with objective standards;
- Remove individual cases **only** where assessments are incomplete, deficient, or improperly conducted.

Councils shall not:

- Assess individuals directly;
- Substitute political judgment for published criteria.

11. Queensland Government and Police Role

Queensland Government shall:

- Maintain assessor certification standards;
- Audit assessors and Council processes for compliance.

Queensland Police shall:

- Conduct security and character checks;
- Provide factual findings only, without policy discretion.

12. Transparency and Safeguards

- All decisions must be documented and auditable;
- No permanent migration restrictions may exist;
- All capacity limits are subject to automatic sunset clauses.

Summary Commitment

LPQ supports **migration with consent, capacity, and responsibility.**

Queensland will remain open to newcomers who enter peacefully, support themselves, and do not impose harm on others — while firmly rejecting top-down population policies that undermine housing affordability, infrastructure capacity, and social cohesion.

Freedom, fairness, and responsibility go hand in hand.

