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*** Next OSCAR General Meeting

The next monthly General Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on **Thursday, 24 January 2019** at the North Shore Community Centre. [Minutes](#) for the November meeting are now available on the OSCAR website. The [Agenda](#) is also on the website. Please let us know if you wish to have an [apology](#) recorded.

Correspondence is placed on the Members section of the website as it is received or sent.

*** Have you thought about joining OSCAR as an individual member?

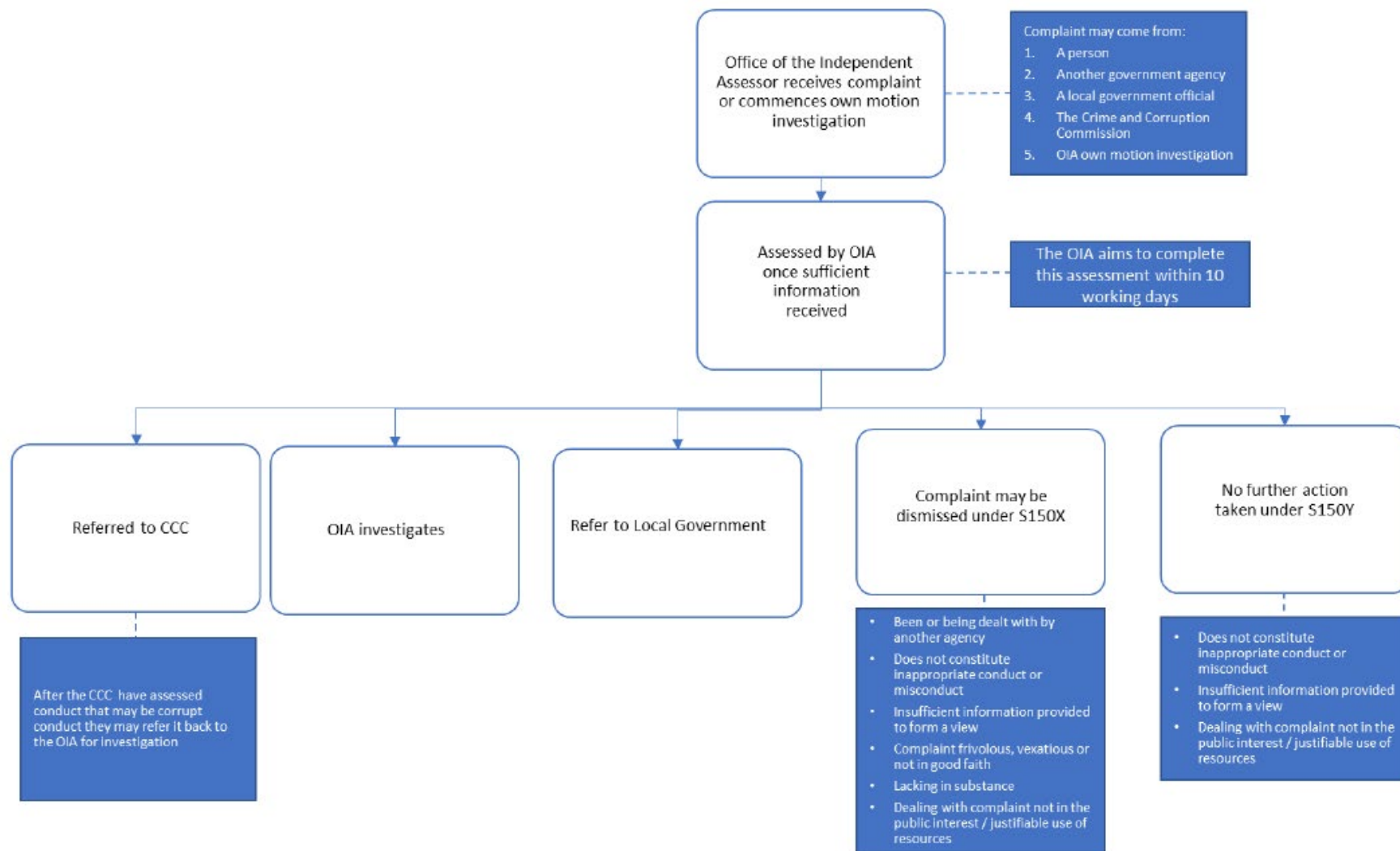
If you are not already an individual member of OSCAR (Associate or Student) please give consideration to becoming one. The current membership fee for individual membership is \$0; while this class of membership does not give you voting rights you will have all other entitlements of membership, receive all OSCAR correspondence and can have access to the Member Only section of the OSCAR website by request.

WHY BOTHER? One measure of the credibility of OSCAR is the number of formal members, who have committed to OSCAR's aims and objectives, it has.

HOW? Easy, just complete our [online application form](#).

*** Councillor complaint flowchart – Office of the Independent Assessor

The OIA is assessing a complaint: What to expect?



Information about other complaint agencies when the OIC has no jurisdiction can be found [here](#).

***** Have you signed the planning law reform e-petition yet?**

Please sign this petition if you have not already done so – this is an issue OSCAR has been campaigning on and we need as many signatures as possible to make a strong impact.

TO: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

Queensland residents draws to the attention of the House the South East Queensland (SEQ) residents' concerns about Queensland's planning laws which favour developers' interests over community interests leading to loss of:

- *Quality of life, heritage and neighbourhood character*
- *Green open space and conservation areas*
- *Koala and other wildlife habitat*
- *Convenient and timely travel*
- *Services and infrastructure capacity to meet population needs*

Your petitioners accept the benefits of the urban footprint infill concept but request the House, as a matter of great importance and urgency, to review and improve planning laws so that they put community interests first, through:

- 1. Enhancing community amenity, heritage and neighbourhood character*
- 2. Providing green and open spaces in SEQ at world's best practice standard*
- 3. Integrating land and transport planning to avoid transport congestion*
- 4. Conserving koala and other wildlife habitat*
- 5. Ensuring adequate provision of infrastructure and services to support development*
- 6. Increasing certainty to communities in relation to development compliance with designated building heights, density, setbacks, off-street parking and private community space*
- 7. Making most developments subject to genuine public scrutiny and objection*
- 8. Requiring all development to declare their public and community benefits in terms other than jobs creation.*
- 9. Requiring full transparency of council and government decision-making including genuine community consultation*
- 10. Protecting the community from impacts of climate change.*

Use this link to sign the e-petition online:

[Planning law reform](#)

***** OSCAR election policy draft**

Following discussion of the previous draft of this policy at the November General Meeting a revised version of the proposed OSCAR election involvement policy is included on page 8 for your consideration. This will be discussed and voted on at the January OSCAR meeting. Feedback beforehand is welcome.

***** ShapingSEQ:
SEQ on track to accommodate future growth**



Land Supply and Development Monitoring report

The [2018 Land Supply and Development Monitoring report](#) for South East Queensland (SEQ) has been released.

The online report shows the region is on track to supply enough land to support the dwellings and jobs required for future population growth in the region.

The data also shows more diverse housing stock, like units, is being approved. This is in line with [ShapingSEQ](#)'s direction to ensure 60% of new development is in existing urban areas.

The online report compares development activity and land supply in SEQ against the benchmarks for housing and employment in ShapingSEQ.

The interactive report allows you to find information for the whole SEQ region or individual local government areas. It's updated annually and is part of the Growth Monitoring Program, which will inform any future regional plan reviews.

[View a short video](#) for more information about the online report.

View the [report](#) to track the progress of all 36 implementation actions outlined in ShapingSEQ.

[Source: Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning]

*** Regional Transport Plans

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is working with state and local government and other key stakeholders throughout Queensland to develop a series of Regional Transport Plans. These plans will guide the planning of an efficient and responsive transport system in Queensland over the next 15 years.

The delivery of the plans is a requirement of the Transport Planning and Coordination Act (1994). The plans provide a bridge between local, Queensland and Australian government planning, drawing from and supporting the region's goals.

What is a Regional Transport Plan?

Regional Transport Plans are developed with key stakeholders, including representatives from state and local government, business and industry to prioritise and manage the transport system so that it effectively supports regional communities, growth and productivity.

The plans achieve this by:

- establishing common transport priorities between the Queensland Government and local governments
- communicating our planning intent for the region
- defining the transport systems' role in achieving regional goals and priorities for our planning and investment
- partnering with local government
- guiding future transport planning and investment.

Draft Regional Transport Plans for comment

The draft regional transport plans have been developed in collaboration with our local government partners and with input from key stakeholders. The draft RTPs outline the priorities and actions for the future development of the region's transport network.

South East Queensland Regional Transport Plans

Download the Draft South East Queensland Regional Transport Plans (covers the Sunshine Coast) from the [DTMR website](#).

To provide your input into the plans before they are finalised, email tmr_regional_transport_plans@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Submissions are due by **Friday, 1 March 2019**.

[Source: Department of Transport and Main Roads]

***** New on the OSCAR website**

Maroochydore City Centre PDA Development Scheme Amendment

[OSCAR submission](#)

RTI information

[Right to Information](#)

New process for handling Councillor Complaints

[Councillor complaints](#)

Council transport policies

[Transport policies/strategy](#)

***** Useful links/resources**

Have your say opportunities

Noosa: <https://yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au/>

SCRC: <https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/open-consultation>

Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

[Code of conduct for Queensland councillors](#)

Current E-Petitions on the Queensland Parliament's website

[Current E-Petitions](#)

Note: There are a number of local government related e-petitions that you may wish to support. Note: petition 2989-18 - [Reform of Queensland Planning Legislation](#), petition 3049-18 - [Sunshine Coast public transport system](#) and 3067-19 - [Commission of Inquiry into Local Government Procurements and Contracts](#).

News about Bills and Legislation in the Queensland Parliament where there has been activity in the last seven days

[Current Bills and Legislation in the Queensland Parliament](#)

CCC publications

[Useful CCC publications](#)

Accessing government information from the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)

[Accessing government information](#)

SCRC Disclosure Log – for material obtained following RTI applications.

[Disclosure Log](#)

***** Upcoming events and key dates**

31 January 2019 – SCR Council Ordinary Meeting

9:00 am at Council Chambers in Caloundra – view [agenda](#).

18 February 2019 – Noosa Council General Committee Meeting

10:00 am at Council Chambers in Tewantin – view [agenda](#).

NB If you wish to unsubscribe at any time please [reply](#) with REMOVE in the subject line.

*** OSCAR position on election involvement

General principles

It is vital that **OSCAR's commitment to non-partisan action is sacrosanct.**

OSCAR is, and will remain, non-partisan (not biased or partisan, especially towards any particular political group). However, OSCAR is neither apolitical (not interested or involved in politics) nor non-political (not relating to or motivated by politics).

Whenever we survey potential candidates (as we did prior to the 2016 Council elections and again during the 2017 State election), hold Candidate Forums (as we did prior to the State election, and as member organisations have done at various elections in the past), write to a Councillor, or lobby a Member of Parliament or a State Minister we are operating in the political environment; this is entirely appropriate.

Recommended involvement

Federal elections

The following activities could be undertaken:

- Candidate survey/questionnaire
- Candidate forums on local government related issues/reforms that are the responsibility of the Federal Government – including, but not limited to, managing population growth policies, share of Commonwealth funding for Local Government, transport and other infrastructure funding, environmental issues etc.

State elections

The following activities could be undertaken:

- Candidate survey/questionnaire
- Candidate forums on local government and planning legislation related issues/reforms that are the responsibility of State Government – including, but not limited to, open and transparent governance, RTI reform, planning reform (eg caps on heights and density, use of PDAs and SDAs), donation and expenditure limits, role of business enterprises (eg SunCentral) etc.

Local government elections

The following activities could be undertaken:

- Candidate survey/questionnaire
- Candidate forums (Councillor and/or Mayoral) – be they Divisional or whole of LGA issues
- Joint activities with one or more member organisations by invitation
- Media releases indicating general support for candidate/s who show/s a commitment to the aims and objectives of OSCAR
- Paid advertising indicating general support for candidate/s who show/s a commitment to the aims and objectives of OSCAR
- Publish and promote OSCAR's priorities/expectations for the next 4 years from a newly elected Council