

Council is the third arm of government and represents people at the grass roots level.

If Council was not intended to have a voice and look after its residents then there would and should only be two tiers of government in this country – Federal and State Governments.

Council needs to be responsive to the views and requests of its constituents.

Local Government Act 2009 Qlds.9 Powers of Local Governments Generally provides that a local Government has the power to do anything that is necessary or convenient for the good rule and local government of its local government area and can do anything that the State can validly do.

s12 Responsibilities of Councillors provides that councillors must represent the current and future interests of the residents of the local government area and provide high quality leadership to the local government and the community.

Gympie Council and Councillors should provide such leadership, take a proactive approach and inform the State Government of the will of its people, namely, that the residents in this area are against a vaccine mandate and any laws which impede their rights and freedoms as human beings.

The vaccine mandate breaches human rights and freedoms at every level, is divisive in the community and does no make for good government.

Council is not powerless and **need not just stand by and follow the advice and direction of Queensland Health on all COVID-19 related matters.**

Council can choose to protect its residents from unlawful acts and make it known to the State Government that there will be no vaccine mandate in this local government area.

It is in the interest of the residents of this local government area (and every resident of this country for that matter) to ensure that people retain their human rights and freedoms and can decide for themselves whether they want to take a vaccine (or any other substance) into their body or not.