

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - FRIEND OR  
FOE IN THE QUEST FOR  
UNIVERSAL HOUSING DESIGN

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LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM  
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Ms Margaret Ward and Ms Wendy Lovelace  
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Dear Ms Ward and Ms Lovelace

I refer to your letter of 30 June 2011 in which you asked me to clarify Council's position with regard to the future supply of accessible housing in Brisbane.

I thank you for your support and encouragement in the development of our draft Brisbane Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 - 2017 (the Plan). I am personally committed to making this city truly accessible and inclusive for all people. I am aware, however, that the Plan does not address the serious lack of safe and accessible housing.

Council supports your organisation's position that regulation for access requirements in housing will be necessary to provide a reliable supply of accessible housing. Council is able to encourage developers to voluntarily provide access features in housing, however, regulation is the responsibility of the Australian Government through the *Building Code of Australia*, and the Queensland Government through the *Building Act 1975*.

A key role of Council within the Plan will be to advocate to State and Commonwealth Governments to support our goal of a truly accessible and inclusive city. To this end, I endorse your organisation's advocacy for changes to building regulations to increase the supply of accessible housing and I offer Council's assistance, within its capacity. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 3403 4400 if you need any further assistance.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

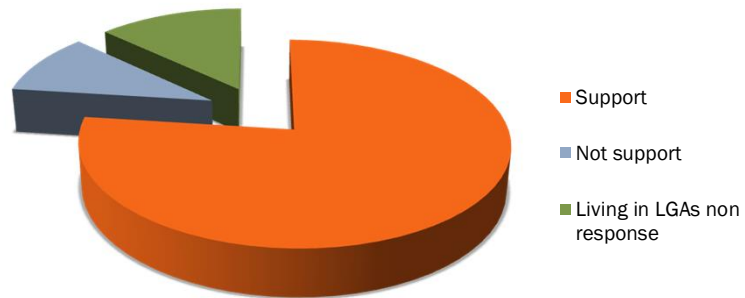
Yours sincerely

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LORD MAYOR

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## 2012 REPORT FINDINGS

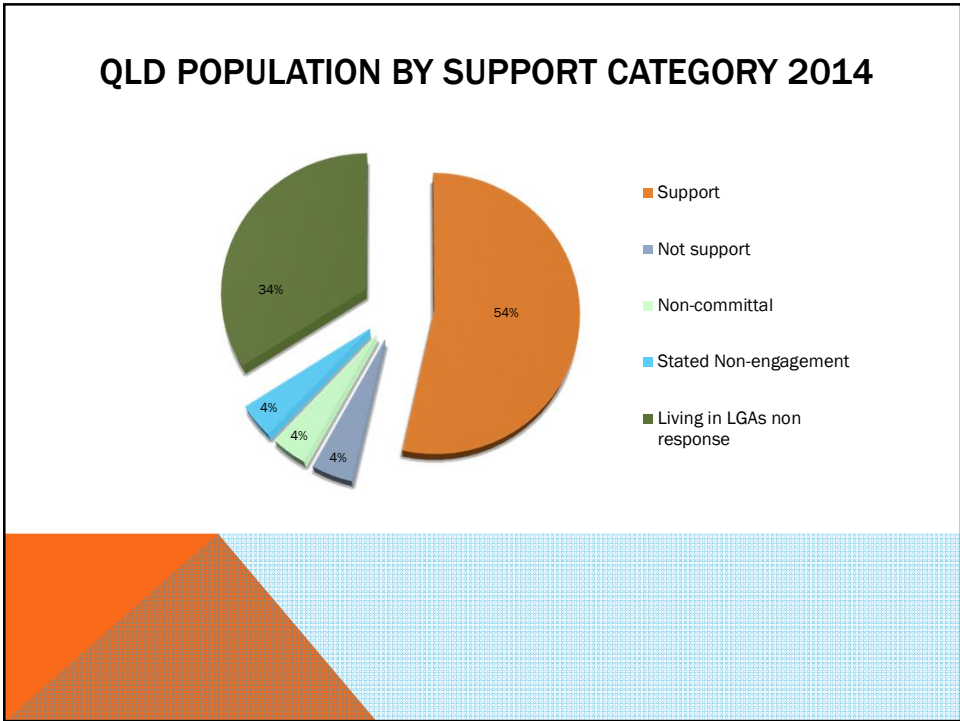
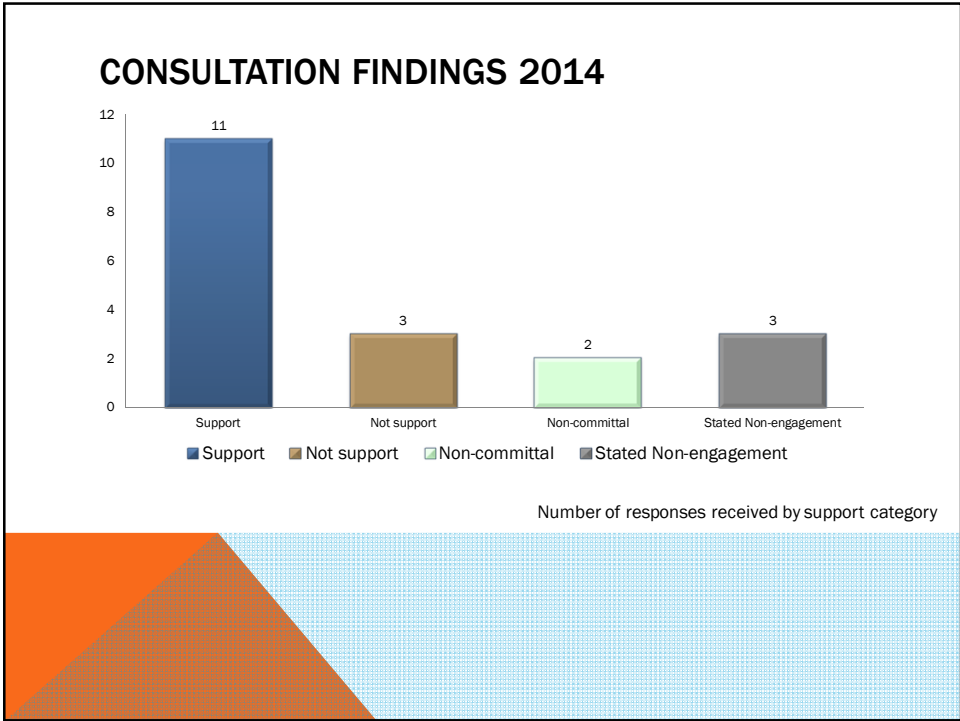


77% of Queenslanders live in a LGA that supports the provision of minimum access requirements for all new and extensively modified housing in the Building Codes of Australia.



## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES 2012 - 2014

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### REPORT FINDINGS COMPARISON 2012 & 2014

FINDINGS COMPARISON 2012 TO 2014	CHANGE
<p><i>Engagement with process</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>" Similar response rates</li> <li>" Not all LGAs from 2012 engaged in 2014 process but same # LGAs</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Participation and support from LGA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>" Need to include category for non-committal and stated non-engagement</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Number of Queenslanders living in LGA that support inclusion of access features</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>" Drop from 77% to 54%</li> </ul>	