

SECTION: Protocol and International Engagement

SUBJECT: Premier's Patronage

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This policy articulates the guidelines established by the Queensland Government regarding the Premier's patronage of an organisation. It clarifies the circumstances under which approval may be granted by the Premier to become patron of an organisation.

2. Scope

- 2.1** This policy applies to requests made by organisations for the Premier to become their patron.

3. Criteria

- 3.1** The organisation should:
- 3.1.1** Have good standing in the community.
 - 3.1.2** Be active in Queensland.
 - 3.1.3** Be appropriately constituted with organisational rules, goals and objectives, and have audited financial statements, office-holders and members.
 - 3.1.4** Not be a commercial for-profit enterprise.
- 3.2** The objectives of the organisation must be in accordance with the Queensland Government's policies and priorities, and should be of particular interest to the portfolio responsibilities of the Premier.
- 3.3** Time commitments and expectations must be appropriate to the role.

4 Operational Guidelines

- 4.1** Patronage of an organisation is at the discretion of the Premier.
- 4.2** Patronage is an expression of support for the general aims of the organisation. It is not evidence of endorsement for specific initiatives.
- 4.3** Clear details of the commitments requested by the Premier must be provided at least four weeks in advance.
- 4.4** Briefing material should be provided to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet prior to any official role being undertaken by the Premier as Patron.
- 4.5** The Premier's patronage of an organisation will have no influence on any type of funding or resourcing application made to the Queensland Government by that

organisation. Funding decisions will continue to be made via the established application processes and will be assessed within the required criteria.

4.6 The Premier reserves the right to withdraw patronage at any time.

5 Responsibilities

5.1 Protocol and International Engagement will provide advice in relation to acceptable requests for the Premier's patronage.

6 Actions

6.1 Enquiries regarding requests for the Premier to become patron of an organisation should be submitted in writing to:

The Director
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Department of the Premier and Cabinet
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