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Dear Mr Marshall

Thank you for your correspondence addressed to the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, on behalf of the Coalition of Community Boards Ltd and Volunteering Queensland, and for providing the position paper titled: *Keeping Community Organisations on the Political Agenda*. The Minister has asked me to respond to you on her behalf.

Thank you for providing a copy of your paper which clearly sets out many of the important roles community organisations play, in responding to and supporting communities and community groups across Queensland, and of their intrinsic role as part of the not-for-profit sector.

The Queensland Government is committed to rebuilding Queensland's community services sector by working with stakeholders, and consulting with industry representative bodies and the service providers they represent. The organisations that you represent obviously have a key part to play in these efforts.

The government is very keen to hear the perspectives of all who are working to achieve better, more sustainable social outcomes for Queenslanders and Queensland communities. The innovative dialogues around strategic planning and governance which are occurring, and collaborations to maximise available and limited resources are particularly interesting. We would be very happy to be kept informed of these processes as they progress.

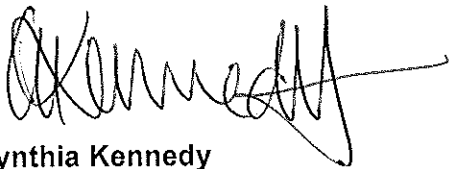
The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services is committed to understanding how it, and the government more broadly, might better partner with all not-for-profit organisations, other agencies and industries, to achieve improved sustainable and relevant outcomes across our communities. As members of the department's Community Services Partnership Forum, both organisations you represent are well placed to further these important matters and I encourage you to continue your proactive participation on existing forums.

Regarding existing and emerging regional and sub-regional representative bodies, we are pleased to advise that many of the department's regional offices already convene partnership forums. These forums bring regional stakeholders together to identify, discuss and problem solve around regionally based issues. I suspect that many of your members are already connected to these forums, but would encourage those who are not to contact their regional office for further information.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Coalition of Community Boards Ltd, for developing and providing this considered and informative paper and look forward to being updated on this work as it advances.

Should the Coalition wish to make a time to provide further information, please contact Ms Barbara Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Community Services and Industry, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services on 3006 8700.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Kennedy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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