

MEDIA RELEASE: New Attorney-General to meet the professionals managing 500,000 units and apartments

26 February 2021: The Gold Coast is one of the fastest growing areas for strata in Queensland with almost 2% growth in total lots over the past year and next week it will welcome a delegation of over 300 body corporate professionals to discuss consumer issues and how to best support the 50,000 schemes in Queensland.

New to the strata and community title portfolio, Attorney-General Shannon Fentiman will for the first time meet with body corporate managers and suppliers to better understand what the 1.2 million Queenslanders who reside in strata units need.

Peak body Strata Community Association (Qld) will be hosting its 2021 Annual Conference at the RACV Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast, bringing together those professionals who helped lot owners navigate through the COVID-19 crisis when Government Directions applied to the management of gyms and pools.

SCA (Qld) Executive Officer Katrin Watson said that society moved faster than the law and body corporate managers were the unsung heroes of residents in unit complexes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are excited to have our largest congregation of professionals available to the newly appointed Attorney-General as we believe many consumer issues should be prioritised post COVID,” Ms Watson said.

On Wednesday 3 March 2021, the Attorney-General will open the Conference and then partake in *Strata Unlocked*, with a panel of experts to discuss the Palaszczuk Government’s priorities in relation to reforms and addressing broader issues and trends within the body corporate sector.

The Conference entitled *Inception, Imagination, Innovation* provides education on critical strata community issues and is the signature event to a sector that is unlicensed in Queensland.

Highly skilled but often not fully understood, body corporate managers are trusted advisors of body corporate committees who manage the maintenance, insurance, finances, and other matters concerning common property.

“Body Corporate Managers look after so many aspects on behalf of bodies corporate, it is critical that they stay up to date with their education,” said SCA (Qld) Executive Officer Katrin Watson.

“With 900 new residential lots on the way, the Gold Coast is speeding up strata after a steady growth since 2018.

To have the newly appointed Attorney General address our Annual Conference this year is a privilege, and we look forward to hearing her contributions to the discussion regarding body corporate reform in Queensland, and where the priorities of the government lie going forward into the near future,” Ms Watson said.

“After one of the most challenging years for our industry, we look with confidence to 2021 and foresee an exciting year for strata, with the hope of seeing some positive developments in industry growth and legislative arrangements,” she said.

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