

# BOARDING SCHOOLS/ HOSTEL

## A 1. MOONIE BRANCH

**“That ICPA Inc. lobby the Minister for Employment, Small Business and Training, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister for Education to investigate the establishment of more boarding facilities in major regional towns to attract more people to live in isolated communities.”**

### **Explanation:**

Qld has only 2 mainstream boarding facilities to service state high schools. If more large towns, for example Goondiwindi which now has two high schools, had youth hostels or similar, more families living in the isolated outer regions could access and afford to educate high school children. Sending high school children to a city for education is not for all, even if they could afford fees. Many regional towns have had hostels for secondary students in the past and with government support new facilities could be established again.

**Carried**

## F2: MOONIE BRANCH

**“That ICPA Qld lobby local governments for the establishment of hostels in regional towns to assist with the continuing education of rural and remote students who either cannot afford to send their children away to boarding school or decide not to.”**

### **Explanation:**

Lobbying local government will show that there is a need for these facilities in their communities. It should promote discussion within individual communities about what choices would benefit students who reside there.

**Carried**