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Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 - Call for submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. Whitsunday Regional Council (Council) values the opportunity to comment on proposed reforms which aim to better align State and local government elections.

Council notes that several of the proposed amendments to the Electoral Act 1992 implement recommendations of the Belcarra Report, with the objective of improving consistency across the electoral system in Queensland.

Council submits that any proposed reforms to local government should also be implemented by the State and supports amendments which impose the same obligations on candidates and elected members at the State and local level regarding electoral funding and financial disclosure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invitation to provide comment and look forward to hearing from the outcomes of this consultation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Willcox", with a small checkmark to its right.

Andrew Willcox
MAYOR