

SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**INQUIRIES INTO POSSIBLE CHANGES TO QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY TERMS****BACKGROUND**

Quilpie Shire Council considered this matter at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 October 2015. Council supported the following responses to the key matters raised in the Issues Paper.

RESPONSES TO ISSUES PAPER

Do you support an extension of the parliamentary term from the current three years to four years?

QSC Response

Council strongly supports this change.

What is your view on fixed terms? Should any extension to the parliamentary term be conditional upon fixed terms?

QSC Response

Council believes any change to the current system should be contingent upon fixed terms.

What do you see as the advantages or disadvantages of extending the term to four years? How can any perceived disadvantages be addressed?

QSC Response

Quilpie Shire Council sees the following advantages:

- Certainty for the electorate
- More accountability from elected members
- A reduction in a real or perceived manipulation by an elected government to maximise the chances of retaining government
- Increased confidence and less scepticism by the electorate in the elected government

Council sees the following disadvantages:

- A fixed four year term will result in a longer period for the electorate to wait to remove a poorly performing government

How and when should a referendum be put to the Queensland public?

QSC Response

Council believes a referendum should be put to the public at the earliest and most effective time.

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