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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee; Lonnie Nielsen](#)
Subject: Re The 28th of March Ecq Elections Local Gov
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To The Committee Secretary
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Parliament

Parliamentary review of the March 28 th 2020 ECQ Council elections, DIV 3 Logan city
Lonnie Nielsen [REDACTED]

1) I write with reference to the miss management of Ecq Local Div. 3 Returning officer on the 21st of march a directive from the Local Government minister The senior Health Officer and ecq put out a directive telling candidates and there workers not to be near or at or around any polling booth in Queensland or pre poll yet in division 3 [REDACTED] was going to pre poll in the pm talking to voters from the tues to the Friday [REDACTED] was spoken to by the RO on the Friday when I seen [REDACTED] talking with voters,

2)
ECQ failed to keep a fair playing field for all division 3 Candidates, on Election day [REDACTED] had workers at schools at underwood [REDACTED] had a guy right at the gate in [REDACTED] shirt that was not chased away than latter in the morning [REDACTED] was up at Eight miles plains talking to voters when all other candidates were following directives [REDACTED] pick up over 12% of the vote by having people at all polling booths I will supply photos of them doing this taken on the day as well as statute Dec From [REDACTED].

3) [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] whom work in the electoral office of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was aware of the directive put out on the 21st of March 2020 that was not policed By ECQ Staff and it showed a total disrespect for the Directive put out by the Local Government minister ECQ Janett Young health officer and the premier in light of COIV19 [REDACTED] was at Shailer park school in [REDACTED] shirt see photos,

4) at the daisy hill School [REDACTED] drew all over the footpath with VOTE 1 [REDACTED] right where the 1.5 meter safety Crosses were this was a breach of safety and unauthorised advertising along with signs at every school saying We can do it together unauthorised at 1130 this still was not dealt with by The RO for Div 3 at any point in the day the voters turned up early

5) [REDACTED] of campaign lodged complaints with ECQ from 7.30 to 10.30am on a number occasions on election day along with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was told to deal with it [REDACTED] self as [REDACTED] was short staffed and to this date ecq has not replied to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or other complaints re the serious cheating complaint as the other 4 Candidates stayed away as per the directive by the local Government minister and ecq and Dr Janett Young and the government ,

I am aware [REDACTED] had a Dinosaur taken off [REDACTED] by the ro at daisy hill it was in the media [REDACTED] was present at the Mable park school at about 9.30 am talking to voters and had [REDACTED] workers at and around the school in [REDACTED] campaign shirts [REDACTED] has not be disqualified or

suspended for [REDACTED] breach of the serious rules to keep every one safe in the coiv19
if you breached the rules in the election what other rules will [REDACTED] break!!!??

At Shailer Park school [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] handing out htv the ro was advised no action taken and
other booths, it is all reported to ecq Complaints

Ecq were very un organised and not very fast in following the rules set down by coiv 19

[REDACTED] had un authorised Props at every Booth with [REDACTED] people around 4 per booth why has
[REDACTED] not been fined for breach of the serious coiv rules,

Yours sincerely

Lonnie Nielsen

[REDACTED]
dated 10/05/2020

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: this is the directive I was pointing too !!!that was ingored By ECQ [REDACTED] Candidate,
Date: Sunday, 10 May 2020 9:47:11 PM

The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Canvassing 'prohibited' for candidates and campaigners at council elections

In a bid to reduce the number of people at polling booths, candidates and their campaigners have been directed by the Electoral Commission of Queensland to not canvass outside polling places altogether.

Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the ECQ's second [Directive](#) would minimise static interaction and be in the best health interests of attendees at early polling and election day booths.

To aid voters, the second Directive allowed for how-to-vote information provided by candidates to be displayed inside polling places by ECQ officials.

Mr Hinchliffe said it followed the first Directive on Thursday, which banned the handing out of how-to-vote cards and other electoral material.

"As of 5pm yesterday (Friday), about half a million Queenslanders had cast their vote at a ballot box and more than 540,000 had applied for a postal vote," he said.

Mr Hinchliffe said voters should take advantage of extended early voting hours at more than 120 booths across the State being open [from 9am today](#), Saturday 21 March.

"This is the first time in history Queenslanders will be able to vote two Saturdays in a row, including the official election day [next Saturday 28 March](#)," he said.

ECQ Commissioner Pat Vidgen said the ban would reassure voters that heading to the polling booth would be as quick a process as possible.

"Early voting, telephone voting and the demand for postal votes tells us that Queenslanders want this process to go ahead," he said.

Mr Hinchliffe said the latest advice from Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young was that it was still safe to hold council elections up to and [on 28 March](#).

"The risk of contracting COVID-19 at a polling location is low," Dr Young has advised the ECQ.

"People will be frequently entering and exiting the environment, spending little time in static close contact, which reduces the risk of spread of COVID 19.

"I appreciate the measures being proposed by Electoral Commission Queensland as they should address the risk of community transmission of COVID-19, while allowing important electoral processes to continue."

Media contact: [REDACTED]

Direction

The Electoral Commissioner hereby directs:

- All persons are prohibited from canvassing for votes or distributing how-to-vote cards or election material at a polling booth. This applies to ALL polling booths in Queensland;
- All persons must abide by the social distancing rules for gatherings of less than 100 people;
- All persons attending a polling booth must maintain hygiene standards, in accordance with Queensland Health guidelines;
- All persons must not shake hands, or attempt to shake hands, with electors as they are entering or waiting to enter the polling booth
- If candidates, political parties, or other electoral participants wish for their how-to-vote cards and/or election material to be available to electors, the material must be provided to the booth supervisor. The material will be displayed at the polling booth, in a way deemed appropriate by the booth supervisor. A minimum requirement is that how-to-vote cards and election material must be displayed in ballot paper order, as far as practicable. Candidates, political parties or other electoral participants must not interfere or obstruct the booth supervisor or other ECQ staff enacting this direction;
- Candidates, political parties or other electoral participants must not interfere or remove howto-vote cards or election material once they are displayed by the booth supervisor or other ECQ staff.

ECQ staff will be actively monitoring compliance with this Direction. The Electoral Commissioner has the power to issue further directions, in the event ECQ staff observe non-compliance.

Failure to comply with this Direction carries a maximum penalty of 10 penalty units, currently valued at \$1,334.50.


All existing laws and regulations regarding canvassing for votes at a polling booth continue to apply, including those relating to exclusion zones.

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