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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Inquiry into the Electoral Commission of Queensland's Online Publication of Preliminary Formal Counts of the Votes Cast in the Local Government Elections on 28 March 2020**

Council appreciates the opportunity to make comments concerning the conduct of the 2020 Quadrennial Local Government Elections.

Feedback is as follows:

- Pre-election consultation concerning pre poll discussions when the ECQ failed to listen to Councils concerns regarding a number of polling booths and cost to Council for unnecessary booths given attendance numbers. This resulted in unnecessary expenditure and ratepayers money being wasted.
- The post-election performance of the ECQ in terms of reporting and finalising results on the night and since then was considered disappointing and unsatisfactory. At this stage there appears to be no published booth results which are normally available on Election night.

On a positive note, we wish to advise that the conduct of the poll by Robert Clark, Returning Officer in Hinchinbrook Shire was professional and efficient in difficult circumstances.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to enable Council to provide comment and we look forward to an ongoing positive relationship.

Should you require any further information or clarification concerning the matter, please contact Executive Officer Belinda Edwards on 4776 4602 for the necessary assistance.

Yours sincerely



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