

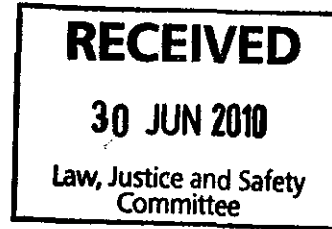
Richmond Shire Council

Submission 013



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25 June, 2010

The Research Director
Law, Justice and Safety Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Sir

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ACT

It was moved at the General Meeting of Council on Tuesday 21 June 2010 to make a submission as per enclosed table.

Yours faithfully

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Michelle Clarke
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, RICHMOND ON
TUESDAY 21 June 2010

ITEM NO 15.3

FILE:

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It was moved Cr levers , seconded Cr Single and carried that Council make a submission to the Law, Justice and Safety Committee including information as follows:

Question	Recommended Response
Should the decision to divide a local government area remain with individual councils?	Yes
Should the ECQ be responsible for administration of the quadrennial elections or should this responsibility remain with Council CEOs?	Consideration should be given to contracting CEOs in remote areas to administer as experienced in 2008.
If the ECQ is responsible for the elections should the new Act allow more flexibility in regard to the conduct of the elections?	Yes
What changes, if any, should be made to the timing of the local government elections?	Consideration be given to an October 2012 election.
Should a candidate be required to live in the local government area in which they stand for election and for the whole four year term?	Yes
Should a person be able to stand as dual candidate for both mayor and councillor?	No
Should the new Act allow mayors to be appointed by their fellow councillors?	No
Should voting remain compulsory for local government elections in Queensland?	Yes
Should the option for a postal vote be extended to all voters in every area?	Yes
Should a full postal ballot be automatic for some local government areas? If so, why and for which areas?	Yes, include areas such as Richmond due to remoteness of many of its ratepayers.
Should proportional representation be introduced to local government elections and should it apply to all Councils?	No, not applicable to rural and remote Councils.