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**Divisions (Question 1 to 5):**

- 1) No. In the Townsville COuncil area there are no divisions applicable at this time.
- 2) The compulosory creation of divisions in larger council areas.
- 3) I believe that there should be no greater variance than 10%, with a preference of 5% or less.
- 4) No. The decision should rest with the Minister for Local Government, with the application of a referendum, where it is deemed appropriate.
- 5) If a referendum is held, the decision should be binding, and not left to the local government authority, eg Local Council, that is that if divisions are voted yes, the Local GOvernment cannot then refuse to implement, as has happened in the past.

**Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):**

- 6) The Electoral Commicion should be responsible, with the Council CEO adting as returning officer.
- 7)

**Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):**

- 8) The roll should close 28 days before the date of the election.
- 9) None.

**Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 10 to 15):**

- 10) Yes. Dual nominations could result in dual positive results, thereby denying an equally demoncratic representation to all citizens.
- 11) Generally, yes.
- 12) Yes.
- 13) Yes, with the exception of a redistribution of council boundaries.
- 14) No.
- 15) No. Direct election of the Mayor allows for a more professional result, allowing residents to judge the Mayor of Mayoress on their individual actions.

**Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 16 to 19):**

- 16) Disclosure requirements should be equal to the Disclosure requirements for Members of Parliament.
- 17) Disclosure should be as at point 16.

18) Yes, as per point 16

19) All fundraising should comply to the same standards as Members of Parliament.

**Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 20 to 24):**

20) How to vote should comply to the same standard as for State Government Elections.

21) As per point 20.

22) As at point 20.

23) As at point 20.

24) As at point 20.

**Voting (Question 25):**

25) Yes.

**Voting (Questions 26 to 30):**

26) The same standard as at State Government Elections should apply.

27) No. Some exceptions may be necessary in more remote regions, and more isolated communities.

28) The same standard as at State Government Elections should apply.

29) Voting should be allowed within the Local Government area.

30) Absent Voting should only apply with exceptional circumstances only.

**Voting (Questions 31 to 35):**

31) Non residents should NOT be allowed to vote in any election within Australia, its various States and Territories or the various Local Government areas.

32) No.

33) No.

34) No.

35) No one. It should not be considered nor created.

**Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):**

36) Optional Preferential voting, as it gives more choice in selection method to residents.

37) I do not believe so.

38) Proportional representation should not be considered, as it is contrary to genuine democratic principles.

**Other (Question 39):**

**Other)** Donations to, or by, any Political Party, Independent Candidate or third party group used to influence or sway opinion should be reported as per current standard, and where by a third party must include all relevant details of where funding originated.