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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

- 1) No. Townsville has no divisions.
- 2) Unsure where to find this information
- 3) Yes
- 4) Over a certain population size it should be mandatory to divide councils into divisions. Over 50 or 60 thousand.
- 5) There should be a ban on political parties running candidates in local elections. Make it illegal for candidates to receive any donations. All candidates are given an equal amount to be spent on their campaign.

Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

- 6) The ECQ.
- 7) No/

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

- 8) No. Eight weeks is too long before an election to close the rolls. It should be between 4-6 weeks
- 9) The elections should be held in August or September. So the council can hand down their budget and then go to the election. And the new council has time before they hand down the next budget.

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

- 10) Unsure of the required process. The process should be taught in schools.
- 11) No. No dual candidature.
- 12) Yes
- 13) Yes
- 14) Yes
- 15) Yes

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

- 16) No. All donations (if allowed) should be announced before the election.
- 17) No. They should all be made before the election.
- 18) Yes.

19) Depends on the activity.

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

20) No.

21) Yes. Yes

22) Whatever is allowed, it should be available to all candidates,

23) Yes

24) No. People need to hear what the candidates have to say on local issues.

Voting (Question 25):

25) Yes.

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26) Yes.

27) Unsure.

28) Unsure.

29) NO. It might affect some, but not the majority.

30) Yes. I don't understand the 2nd part of the question.

Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) Yes, but not mandatory. No.

32) Yes.

33) No. One investment property = one vote.

34) No.

35) ECQ

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36) First past-the-post. Majority of people choose that candidate.

37) Unsure.

38) Unsure.

Other (Question 39):

Other) There should be a ban on political parties running candidates in local elections. Make it illegal for candidates to receive any external donations. All candidates are given an equal amount by the ECQ to be spent on their campaign. Have this type of question available on the election day as many people wouldn't know this is available now.