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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

1) no

2) divisions by population unfairly concentrate council in the Rockhampton CBD. Pie shaped divisions that take in part of the city and part of the outer regions would be fairer. {Perhaps 3 out of 10 councilors could be "at large". These councilors would be responsible for infrastructure and the big picture. Division councilors tend to concentrate on projects for their division.

3) 10% seems a little loose. Perhaps 5% would be doable and still allow for minor population shifts.

4) Beats me what you are asking. We have divisions based on population. However, Councilors in country areas must cover vast areas while city Councilors cover only a few blocks.

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Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

6) I cannot imagine that the current CEO of RRC would in someway tamper with votes or influence voters.

7) do not know. Perhaps the best thing that would happen would be 4 year turms for state and federal members would save a lot of money on combined elections.

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

8) I think the roll should be open until 30-45 days from the election.

9) none

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

10)

11) I wasn't aware there was a system. However, there seems to be plenty of candidates.

12) yes

13) yes

14) There is a lot of merit for that. We have some good councilors that are effective. However, if they run for mayor, we could loose them as councilors if the loose. Thus lessor candidated may win.

15) Yes.

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

16) Anything to make them stronger would be appreciated

17) Yes

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18) Yes

19) no as long as their is full disclosure. I would not like to see unions or developers having fundraisers.

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

20) yes

21) yes

22) None at the polling booths.

23) ?

24) Not a complete black-out. However, newsmedia should not poll voters on the day of the election.

Voting (Question 25):

25) no

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26)

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Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) yes

32) no

33) yes

34) no

35) ceo

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36)

37)

38)

Other (Question 39):

Other)

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