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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Should not be manipulated to create an unnecessarily large number of councillors.
- 3)
- 4) Rules should dictate.
- 5)

Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

- 6) ECQ
- 7)

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

- 8) The time of closing could be better. Many people are still on holidays at this closing time.
- 9) Shift everything forward at least a week.

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

- 10) Yes
- 11) Yes, particularly the income.
- 12) Yes definitely
- 13) Yes
- 14) No
- 15) No

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

- 16) No
- 17) YES
- 18) YES
- 19) Yes, they are paid more than adequately, with almost no accountability to those who elect them.

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

20) Yes, and all should be a standard size and format.

21) Yes. Supply by EC would be a safe way of ensuring standardization, even if the candidate is charged for the supply.

22) Irrelevant

23)

24)

Voting (Question 25):

25) Yes; however all states should have the same rules, whichever they are to avoid confusion among those who move interstate, and for the reason that there should not be difference just because of locality.

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26) Yes

27) No

28) No, except religious beliefs - this matter is irrelevant to any religious belief and should not be able to be used an excuse not to take part.

29) unknown

30) Yes/yes

Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) Yes, definitely. For Overseas investors, the matter should be optional, as they may not know anything about local candidates.

32) Why should they not? A non resident may have a far greater contribution to the community than many residents.

33) Joint owners of property but not company owners.

34) Yes. The likelihood is that they may have a far greater investment in the community.

35) The council which collects their rate money.

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36)

37) ECQ would know best, and should recommend.

38)

Other (Question 39):

Other) A system of accountability and responsibility should be established for all local government councillors, whereby voters are not locked in to paying a non performer or an unsuitable councillor for 4 years.