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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

- 1) Yes
- 2) Yes they are
- 3) Yes
- 4) This should be a decision made by local councils
- 5) Local Divisions allow for fair representation of the community.

Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

- 6) The ECQ stuffed up the last elections in my local area, they do not have area offices therefore it would be fare simpler to use the AEC
- 7) Flexibility is needed but should be uniform across Qld to prevent confusion.

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

- 8) No needs to be closer to date of election.
- 9) Consider changing to not conflict with State or Federal elections.

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

- 10) Yes
- 11) Yes
- 12) Yes
- 13) Yes
- 14) NO
- 15) NO, resident should elect as per pervious.

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

- 16) yes
- 17) after
- 18) Yes
- 19) NO but should be funded to prevent any corruption.

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

20) No

21) NO

22) All should be allowed

23) no, first in best dressed.

24) Not unless it is standard across all levels of government.

Voting (Question 25):

25) Yes

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26) No

27) Determined by need in local government areas due to remote country area.

28) no

29) Yes. People could easily attend a close booth if working etc.

30) Yes. Only in local government area

Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) No, voting is a right of citizens. This would open up opportunities for corruption of the Australian democratic system. If this were the case they it should apply to all levels of government.

32) No, no, no. Should be people who are citizens that should be allow to vote.

33) No, No, how many votes would large business then be able to stake in local government - this could lead to corruption and business running local government elections.

34) No that is not right. One person, one vote!!!! This opens up the bounds for corruption.

35) There should not be a non-residents roll as they should not be able to vote as they have an area in which they should vote.

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36) Optional Preferential or Fast past the post

37) No

38) Not necessary it should be about individual candidates not party politics.

Other (Question 39):

Other) I think that some of these suggestions are very ill conceived and would result in greater conflicts and problems in the future if implemented. The current system is working very well and at not stage should any person who is not a citizen be given a vote in a local government or state or federal government election as there would be no incentive to become a citizen. As for business getting votes because they have a business or because people have rental properties is corrupt in thinking this way. How can this be just and fair to all citizens of the country unless it became uniform across the entire country. Many people buy investment properties interstate however their only interest in the operation of the city is that they earn an income. The City/LGA is worth a great more due to the efforts put in by the people that care for its well being. This type of thinking is looking to allow business and non-residents to vote is completely unnecessary. Allowing voters more than one vote due to owning multiple properties is a Gerry Mander in a pure form and that is what was supposed to have been removed during the removal of Sir Joh and his dark days in Qld.