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The Research Director  
Law, Justice and Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
**BRISBANE QLD 4000**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Local Government Electoral System Submission**

The Goondiwindi Regional Council wishes to make a submission in response to the Issues Paper Concerning a Review of The Local Government Electoral System (excluding BCC). We understand that the submissions were due to be submitted by 13 August 2010, however, we have requested an extension of time in which to lodge our submission given that our monthly Ordinary Meeting of Council was not held until today. Hence, we were not able to address the Issues Paper with Council prior to this date.

The issues which the Goondiwindi Regional Council wishes to comment on are detailed as follows:

**1. DIVISIONS**

The Goondiwindi Regional Council opposes divisions within the Local Government Area.

**2. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

The Goondiwindi Regional Council is of the opinion that the Electoral Commission should be responsible for the conduct of local government elections. This Council is not in favour of the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of a Local Government as Returning Officer.

**3. VOTING**

**a. Compulsory Voting**

The Goondiwindi Regional Council is in favour of compulsory voting for Local Government Elections in Queensland.

**b. Postal Ballot Voting**

The Goondiwindi Regional Council is in favour of postal ballot voting.

**c. Voting Systems**

The Goondiwindi Regional Council supports first-past-the-post voting.

We thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

Yours faithfully

  
Mr. Peter Stewart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**