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The Research Director
Legal Constitutional and Administration Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Dear Ms Newton

Re: Queensland Electoral Reform

I refer to a letter from the Chair of the Committee relative to the above and advise that the matter was considered by our Council at its November, 1999, meeting.

Whilst I appreciate that the time for receipt of submissions has passed, I am forwarding Council's comments on a number of issues and trust that they may be of assistance to the review.

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this reply.

Yours faithfully

R TURNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF QUEENSLAND

LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEW COMMITTEE

BY

KINGAROY SHIRE COUNCIL

SUBJECT

INQUIRY INTO ISSUES OF
QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL REFORM.

Issue 1 Electoral District for which Members may Enrol

No Comment

Issue 2 Deposit to Accompany Nomination

No Comment

Issue 3 Voting Material (How-to-Vote Cards) - Declared Institutions

No Comment

Issue 4 Authority to Re-Schedule Mobile Polling

No Comment

Issue 5 Canvassing etc in or near Polling Places

Council submits that the provisions of the Act making canvassing within six (6) metres of the entrance to a building with voting compartments an offence should be retained.

In the case of local government elections, pre-polling is conducted in the general office of the Council and the presence of candidates and election helpers would be disruptive to both the election process and the normal operations of Council. In fact, if all candidates chose to be present, there would not be sufficient room in the polling place to accommodate them.

Issue 6 Special Postal Voters

No Comment

Issue 7 Non Voter Process

No Comment

Issue 8 Misleading Voters

No Comment

Issue 9 Election funding and Financial Disclosure

No Comment

Issue 10 Electoral Enrolment Procedures

Council submits that the requirement for proof of identity to enrol should be as simple as possible and suggests that the production of a drivers licence or similar type document should be sufficient.

Issue 11 Maintenance of Electoral Rolls

No Comment

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

How to Vote Cards

Council would like to suggest that some investigation be carried out on a means of eliminating how to vote cards. Perhaps a poster could be displayed in each polling booth setting out the details which candidates wish to convey to the voters. This would then eliminate the cost of printing how to vote cards and the resultant litter that occurs during elections.

Wording of Act

Council also submits that the Act should be more user friendly and written in a more easily understood format.

Dated at Kingaroy this 13th day of January, 2000.



R TURNER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER