# LG ELECTIONS - INHOUSE SCRIPTING

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**This is a resource for Councils internal personal to assist in any adhoc enquiries they may receive from the public. Whilst ECQ run the elections, councils often receive queries, best to equip customer service staff with general information. Please review and check all links prior to finalising as they may have been updated by the third party.**

The local government elections are held every four years by the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ). This is an opportunity for all enrolled voters for a local government area (council) can vote for their elected members for the next four years.

The 2024 local government elections will include elections for mayors and councillors (elected members) in each of Queensland’s 77 councils.

Election day will be on Saturday, 16 March 2024 (polling day).

## Who runs the elections?

* The Electoral Commission of Queensland is an independent and impartial body set up to ensure free and democratic elections in Queensland, including any local government elections.
* The local government elections are run by a returning officer. The returning officer is responsible for the proper conduct of an election. The returning officer is independent to Council.
* The Electoral Commission of Queensland has appointed returning officer - <name> – is located at the <full address>
	+ Ph: <number>
	+ Email: <ECQ email>

## Candidate Nominations close?

xxxx

## Who needs to vote?

Voting is compulsory. If you are 18years or over you must be enrolled to vote.

## How do I vote? *(following are possible points for your LGA, delete what points are not relevant)*

* On the 16 March 2024 visit polling day
* This Election is 100% postal voting.
* Electors enrolled in Division ? will have ballot material sent to their enrolled postal address after nominations close on xxxx. No polling booths will be open or available to electors residing in full postal ballot areas.
* More information available http://[www.ecq.qld.gov.au/voters-and-voting/how-to-vote/voting-in-a-local-government-election](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/voters-and-voting/how-to-vote/voting-in-a-local-government-election)

Where can I Pre-Poll?

* Refer to xxxxx.

What’s my Division?

* For electoral purposes the xxxx Region is divided into xxxx electoral divisions. Find out at the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) website (www.ecq.qld.gov.au); under ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES then WHERE IS MY ELECTORATE scroll down to SHOW ELECTORATE INFORMATION and type in your address then click SEARCH. [Where is my electorate? | Electoral Commission of Queensland (ecq.qld.gov.au)](https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/where-is-my-electorate)

Who are the candidates?

* A list of candidates will be made available on ECQ’s website ([www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)) after the ballot draw has been conducted on xxxx.

Voter Information

* Remember - Voting is compulsory for all Australian Citizens over 18 years of age (as outlined in the Local Government Electoral Act 2011). For all enquires on the By-Election contact the Electoral Commission of Queensland.
* Close of Roll will be xxxx
* Ensure your enrolled and your information is up to date - contact the ECQ on 1300 881 665, email ecq@ecq.qld.gov.au or visit [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)

Want to know more

* **ECQ:** phone 1300 881 665 or ecq@ecq.qld.gov.au
* The DSDILGP 2024 Local Government Elections Facebook page has more details or you can phone 13QGOV (137468).
* DSDILGP**:** phone 13QGOV (137468)

Website references:

<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-councils/governance/local-government-elections>

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