



PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – SERVICE PLAN

Below is a summary of key dates associated with the upcoming Local Government elections in March 2024. For full details, please refer to the ECQ website: <https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au>

INDICATIVE TIMETABLE	
Monday, 29 Jan 2024	Notice of election issued by the Electoral Commission of Queensland. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Caretaker Period in Local Government begins.
Monday, 29 Jan 2024	Candidate nominations open <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prior to arrival of the Returning Officer on 5 February 2024, please confirm all requirements around nominations by contacting the Electoral Commission:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Peter McGraw, Acting Director, Election Event Management – 0418 729 591▪ Bill Huey, Team Leader, Elections & Industrial Elections – 0477 321 024▪ Election funding, disclosure and compliance enquiries – 1300 881 665
5 Feb – 15 Feb	Returning Officer in Cloncurry <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provides guidance on any/all questions candidates have in relation to their nomination and how to ensure it is properly made
Monday, 5 Feb 2024	Close of electoral roll <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If you want to vote in the election, you need to be enrolled by 5 Feb 2024.▪ If you are contesting the election, your nominators need to be on the electoral roll.
Tuesday, 13 Feb 2024, 12.00pm	Candidate nominations close <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Late and incomplete nominations cannot be accepted.▪ Details of nominated candidates will be published progressively on the ECQ website after being received and certified by relevant Returning Officers.
14 February 2024	Ballot paper order draw
Monday, 4 March 2024, 7:00pm	Postal vote applications close <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Postal vote applications will open from the publication of the notice of election on 29 Jan 2024 and can be submitted online through the ECQ website, by telephone or on the approved application form until 7.00pm on Monday, 4 March 2024.
Monday, 4 March to Friday, 15 March 2024	Early voting <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The early voting schedule will vary by local government area and early voting centre addresses and opening times will be published on the ECQ website.
Saturday, 16 March 2024, 8:00am – 6:00pm	Election day <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Details of polling booth locations will be published on the ECQ website.▪ After the close of polls on election night, the ECQ will undertake a preliminary count and results will be progressively published on the ECQ website.
17 March 2024 on	Official count begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The ECQ will declare the successful candidates only when the outcome is certain.
26 March 2024	Deadline for return of postal votes
Monday, 1 July 2024	Election summary returns <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All candidates, groups of candidates etc. must give the ECQ an election summary return for the election period, which must include all gifts, donations and electoral expenditure.▪ Any successful candidate who fails to lodge an election summary return will automatically have their office vacated.

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