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Candidate follow-up questionnaire – ECQ online publication of results

Introduction

On 27 April 2020 the Queensland Parliament *Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee* issued an Update indicating that the committee is establishing an inquiry in relation to the online publication of the counts of the votes cast in the 2020 LG Election. The formal notice is as follows:

Inquiry into the Electoral Commission of Queensland's online publication of preliminary and formal counts of the votes cast in the local government elections and state by-elections held 28 March 2020.

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/LACSC/inquiries/current-inquiries/ECQInquiry2020>

OSCAR will be making a submission on behalf of its members and is prepared to represent candidates across the SCRC and Noosa Local Government Areas (LGAs) if they so wish. The submission closing date is 11 May 2020 at noon.

In order to allow sufficient time to collate results of this survey and write the submission we would appreciate return of the survey by Thursday 7 May 2020.

As we wish to seek a wide range of views from across both LGAs we are asking your opinion as a candidate about the effectiveness or otherwise of the ECQ online publication of election results. We appreciate and value your comments. We do not intend to use names in the submission but would like to include your LGA and where appropriate division, as internet access may influence your comments. All responses, both positive and negative will be included in the submission.

Q 1 To what extent did you rely on the ECQ website for up-to-date, reliable figures in the preliminary and formal counts of the votes cast?

Council:	
Position contesting:	
If SCRC, Division:	
a) <input type="checkbox"/> All of the time	
b) <input type="checkbox"/> Most of the time	
c) <input type="checkbox"/> Some of the time	
d) <input type="checkbox"/> Never	

Q 2 If you selected b), c) or d) in Question 1 please complete the following. Otherwise go to Question 3.

Q 2a How then did you obtain up-to-date count figures?

Response:

Q 2b How often were you able to access this source?

Response:

Q 2c Was this source reliable?

Response:

Q 3 What feedback did you get from other candidates re the ECQ online publication of results?

Response:

Q 4 How would you describe the value of the online publication of the election count via the ECQ website?

Response:

Thank you for your time in responding to these questions. All responses will be included in OSCAR's submission.
OSCAR thanks you for standing for the LG Election in 2020 and wishes you all the best for the future.

Questions to OSCAR members re ECQ website as per the OSCAR Update 5 May 2020.

1. Were you following candidate results via the ECQ website during the 2020 LG election? Y/N
(a) If NO how did you obtain ongoing information re the vote count?

If YES please answer the following questions

2. Approximately how frequently did you refer to the ECQ website for vote count updates?
 - a. Several times per day
 - b. Daily
 - c. Several times a week
 - d. Less frequently
3. Did you find the vote count on the website informative and reliable? Y/N
If NO why not?
4. What recommendations would you make to the ECQ in relation to the function of their website in the 2020 Local Government elections in relation to publishing vote counts?

Question for candidate support teams members

5. Describe your experience with the ECQ website for publishing vote counts in the recent elections.
6. How did you and the candidate/s you were supporting obtain reliable and current vote counts?
7. Which candidate/division were you supporting?