

Attachment 1 – Final Local Government electoral expenditure caps scheme

Issue	Position for draft Bill
Definition of 'capped expenditure period'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For quadrennial elections, approximately seven months prior, commencing on the first business day after the last Saturday in the preceding August and ending on polling day. For by-elections, a period commencing on the day that notice of the election is published and ending on polling day.
Mayoral candidate expenditure caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band 1 (fewer than 30,000 electors) = \$30,000. Band 2 (30,000 to 150,000 electors) = \$1 per elector. Band 3 (150,000 to 200,000 electors) = \$150,000 plus an additional 50c per elector for each additional elector over 150,000 electors. Band 4 (more than 200,000 electors) = \$175,000 plus an additional 25c per elector for each additional elector over 200,000 electors, up to a maximum of \$250,000. For Brisbane City Council \$1,300,000.
Councillor candidate expenditure caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band 1 (fewer than 20,000 electors in an LGA or division) = \$15,000. Band 2 (20,000 to 40,000 electors in an LGA or division) = 75c per elector. Band 3 (more than 40,000 electors in an LGA or division) = \$30,000. For Brisbane City Council \$55,000 per ward.
Groups of candidates and political parties	Groups of candidates and political parties are able to pool individual caps (including the mayoral cap).
Third party registration system	This scheme will be consistent with the State scheme, where third parties spending \$6,000 or more will need to be registered.
Registered third party expenditure cap	The cap applying to third parties is the same as the mayoral expenditure cap in the relevant local government area. Registered third parties will be unable to pool their caps across local government areas.
Indexation of electoral expenditure caps	All caps will be indexed in line with CPI 30 days after polling day for the local government election.
Determination of elector numbers	To finalise the amount of a cap, ECQ will publish updated elector numbers and the corresponding cap that will apply.