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2016 Local Government Quadrennial Elections | Apparent Failure to Vote Notices

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has commenced normal procedures following an electoral event and has issued Apparent Failure to Vote Notices to electors following the recent Local Government quadrennial elections.

Voting is compulsory and these notices are provided to electors who may have failed to vote. Failure to respond to this notice may lead to the Commission issuing a fine.

If an elector has received an Apparent Failure to Vote notice, the notice provides an opportunity for electors to provide an explanation regarding their personal circumstances on polling day as to why they may not have been able to vote. If electors have a valid and sufficient reason for not voting, all they need to do is simply reply in writing on the form included with the notice, and return it to the Commission.

The Commission is aware that some electors who have been previously excused may have inadvertently been forwarded an Apparent Failure to Vote notice. The Commission is taking immediate action to contact these electors and advise that no further action is required on their behalf.

For further information visit the Electoral Commission's website www.ecq.qld.gov.au or contact us on 1300 881 665.

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