



# Transitional Electoral Expenditure Return

*For councillors and announced candidates*

Amendments to the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* require all sitting councillors to lodge returns for all electoral expenditure incurred from 1 May 2019 to 20 January 2020. These returns must also be lodged by any person who announced (before 20 January 2020) their intention to be a candidate in the 2020 Quadrennial Election.

This return must be lodged by each individual councillor or candidate and cannot be lodged by a person acting on behalf of a councillor/candidate. Councillors and candidates need only complete this form if they incurred electoral expenditure totalling \$500 or more from 1 May 2019. **If no electoral expenditure was incurred, Form QLG04B Transitional Summary Return must still be completed.**

## Lodgement timeframe

This return must be lodged by 3 February 2020.

## Definitions

**Candidate** means any of the following:

- A person whose nomination for election has been certified;
- A person who is an elected or appointed councillor at any time;
- A person who has announced or otherwise publicly indicated an intention to be a candidate in a local government election; or
- A person who has otherwise indicated the person's intention to be a candidate in the election (e.g. by accepting a gift made for the purpose of the election).

**Electoral expenditure** means expenditure incurred that consists of any of the following:

- Broadcasting a political advertisement;
- Publishing a political advertisement in a journal or on the internet;
- Displaying a political advertisement at a theatre or other place of entertainment;
- Producing and distributing a political advertisement mentioned above, or other material that:
  - Advocates a vote for or against a candidate, group of candidates, or registered political party; and
  - Is required to include authorisations.
- Carrying out an opinion poll or other research relating to the election if the dominant purpose of the poll or research is to (directly or indirectly):
  - Promote or oppose the election of a candidate or group of candidates;
  - Promote or oppose a registered political party in relation to the election; or
  - Otherwise influence voting at the election.

**Political advertisement** means an advertisement that advocates a vote for or against a candidate, group of candidates, or registered political party.

## Enquiries and lodgements

Please direct all enquiries and lodgements to the Funding and Disclosure Unit by:

Email: [fad@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:fad@ecq.qld.gov.au)

Post: GPO Box 1393

Telephone: 1300 881 665

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## Part A: Councillor / candidate details

Name of Councillor / Candidate

Name of Council

Name of Division / Ward /  
Mayoralty (if applicable)

## Part B: Electoral expenditure incurred

Complete this section for each item of electoral expenditure (as defined on page 1 of this form) incurred. If the \$500 threshold is reached through a number of smaller payments, each unique payment must be disclosed. If you incurred electoral expenditure totalling less than \$500, or you did not incur any electoral expenditure, you are not required to complete this form, however, you must still complete Form QLGO4B.

Supplier name  
(not to be published)

Supplier address  
(not to be published)

Date of expenditure

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Amount \$

Description of goods  
or services

(e.g. billboard on Example Lane, advertisement in The Example Paper)

Purpose of expenditure

(e.g. to promote candidacy, advertise policies)

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Please attach additional pages in the same format if there is insufficient space on this form.

## Certification and declaration

Name of councillor/ candidate	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

Please tick one box only and complete appropriate details:

**I certify that the information contained in this return is true and complete; OR**

**This return is incomplete, and I state the following:**

▶ **The nature and type of the particulars which are unable to be obtained:**

▶ **Why these particulars have not been obtained:**

▶ **If another person is able to provide the missing particulars, please provide their contact details, and the reason you believe they can provide the particulars:**

Signature of councillor or candidate

Date

/ /

(dd/mm/yyyy)

It is an offence to give a return that contains particulars which are, to the knowledge of the person required to give the return, false or misleading. Such an offence carries a penalty of 100 penalty units (valued at \$13,345 as at 1 July 2019), as per section 195(2) of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (LGEA).

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (the ECQ) is collecting this information for the purposes of administering Part 6 of the LGEA. Unless otherwise indicated, all information provided in this form will be published in the ECQ's Electronic Disclosure System (available at [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)), as required by section 129 of the LGEA.