

# Direction about Electoral Visitor Voting for the 2020 State general election

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Approval



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## Purpose

To facilitate the holding of the 2020 State general election in a way that helps minimise serious risks to the health and safety of persons caused by the COVID-19 emergency, by issuing directions about Electoral Visitor Voting (EVV).

## Rationale

Ordinarily, the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) conducts EVV under section 120 of the *Electoral Act 1992*. However, for the 2020 State general election, if the ECQ is satisfied that it would pose a risk to the health and safety of Issuing Officers to visit any electors for the purpose of conducting EVV it may direct Issuing Officers, under section 392R of the *Electoral Act*, not to visit a particular elector, any elector, or electors in a particular electoral district or class.

## Direction

The ECQ is satisfied that it would pose a risk to the health and safety of Issuing Officers to visit any electors for the purpose of conducting EVV and directs all Issuing Officers for the 2020 State general election:

- not to visit any elector for the purpose of conducting an EVV; and
- if a request for an EVV is received, the ECQ or Returning Officer must, to the extent practicable, have an Issuing Officer make alternative arrangements to enable an elector affected by the direction to vote in the 2020 State general election.

## Effective

This Direction has immediate effect and remains in place until the close of voting for the 2020 State general election on Saturday, 31 October 2020.