

Notice of electoral expenditure caps and number of electors

2024 local government elections

SATURDAY, 16 March 2024



Elections for councillors and mayors in Queensland's local government areas will be held on Saturday, 16 March 2024. Caps on the amount of electoral expenditure that can be incurred will be in place for these elections. The capped expenditure period will commence on 14 August 2023, and end at 6pm on election day.

Expenditure caps for each local government area (except Brisbane City Council) are calculated based on the number of electors within each local government area. The caps differ depending on whether an individual is a mayoral or councillor candidate. Expenditure caps also apply to groups of candidates, registered political parties and third parties.

Individual candidates (i.e. candidates who are not endorsed by a registered political party, or part of a registered local government group), are subject to the caps outlined in Table 1.

Groups of candidates are also subject to caps. The group's cap is the sum total of the applicable caps (per Table 1) for each individual candidate in the group, up to the maximum number of vacancies in the local government area. Groups can only have one mayoral candidate, and only nominate candidates in one local government area. If the membership of a group changes during the capped expenditure period, then the expenditure cap for the new and/or former group members must be recalculated, in accordance with sections 123J and 123K of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (LGEA).

Caps apply to registered political parties and their endorsed candidates collectively. The cap is the sum total of the applicable caps (per Table 1) for each individual candidate endorsed by the party, up to the maximum number of vacancies in the local government area. Registered political parties do not receive any additional expenditure cap allowance. If a registered political party endorses candidates in multiple local government areas, then the cap is determined separately for each area. If a registered political party changes the number of candidates it has endorsed in a local government area, then the expenditure cap for the new and/or former endorsed candidates must be recalculated, in accordance with sections 123G and 123H of the LGEA.

Caps also apply to registered third parties. The cap for registered third parties is the same cap that applies to individual mayoral candidates within a local government area (as per Table 1). The cap cannot be aggregated across multiple local government areas. A third party which is not registered must not exceed \$6,000 in electoral expenditure across Queensland.

This notice is issued under sections 123R and 123S of the LGEA. For further information about expenditure caps, including details about how the expenditure caps are calculated, refer to the fact sheets available on the ECQ's website.

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Table 1

Local government area	Participant type	Electoral expenditure cap	Number of electors
Aurukun Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	962
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Balonne Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	3,086
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Banana Shire Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,598
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	9,585
	Registered third party	\$30,000	9,585
Barcaldine Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	2,125
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Barcoo Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	224
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,454
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Boulia Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	236
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Brisbane City Council**	Councillor candidate	\$55,000	N/A
	Mayoral candidate	\$1,300,000	
	Registered third party	\$1,300,000	
Bulloo Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	206
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

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Bundaberg Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	7,652
	Mayoral candidate	\$76,520	76,524
	Registered third party	\$76,520	76,524
Burdekin Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	11,883
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Burke Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	176
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Cairns Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	12,949
	Mayoral candidate	\$116,540	116,542
	Registered third party	\$116,540	116,542
Carpentaria Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,194
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Cassowary Coast Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	3,562
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	21,373
	Registered third party	\$30,000	21,373
Central Highlands Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	17,889
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Charters Towers Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	8,026
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	771
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

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Cloncurry Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,914
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Cook Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	2,897
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Croydon Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	163
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Diamantina Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	151
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	723
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Douglas Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	9,305
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Etheridge Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	521
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Flinders Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,227
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Fraser Coast Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	8,787
	Mayoral candidate	\$87,870	87,871
	Registered third party	\$87,870	87,871

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Gladstone Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$30,000	46,280
	Mayoral candidate	\$46,280	
	Registered third party	\$46,280	
Gold Coast City Council*	Councillor candidate	\$22,950	30,600
	Mayoral candidate	\$232,100	428,404
	Registered third party	\$232,100	428,404
Goondiwindi Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	7,859
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Gympie Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	5,228
	Mayoral candidate	\$41,820	41,821
	Registered third party	\$41,820	41,821
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	8,573
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	706
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Ipswich City Council*	Councillor candidate	\$28,550	38,062
	Mayoral candidate	\$151,120	152,246
	Registered third party	\$151,120	152,246
Isaac Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,501
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	12,004
	Registered third party	\$30,000	12,004
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	779
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

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Livingstone Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$21,920	29,231
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	383
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$21,950	29,267
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Logan City Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	18,489
	Mayoral candidate	\$180,470	221,863
	Registered third party	\$180,470	221,863
Longreach Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	2,499
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Mackay Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$30,000	87,741
	Mayoral candidate	\$87,740	
	Registered third party	\$87,740	
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	239
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Maranoa Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	9,098
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Mareeba Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	16,050
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

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McKinlay Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	504
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Moreton Bay Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$21,230	28,302
	Mayoral candidate	\$209,910	339,627
	Registered third party	\$209,910	339,627
Morningside Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	729
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Mount Isa City Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	12,080
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Murweh Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	2,935
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	652
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Noosa Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$30,000	43,820
	Mayoral candidate	\$43,820	
	Registered third party	\$43,820	
North Burnett Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,261
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	7,565
	Registered third party	\$30,000	7,565
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	312
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	1,561
	Registered third party	\$30,000	1,561

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Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,293
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Paroo Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,191
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	496
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Quilpie Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	552
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Redland City Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	11,815
	Mayoral candidate	\$118,150	118,146
	Registered third party	\$118,150	118,146
Richmond Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	561
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Rockhampton Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	8,408
	Mayoral candidate	\$58,860	58,858
	Registered third party	\$58,860	58,858
Scenic Rim Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	5,417
	Mayoral candidate	\$32,500	32,503
	Registered third party	\$32,500	32,503
Somerset Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	18,890
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

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South Burnett Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	4,213
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	25,279
	Registered third party	\$30,000	25,279
Southern Downs Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$21,010	28,009
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Sunshine Coast Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$19,270	25,691
	Mayoral candidate	\$189,230	256,905
	Registered third party	\$189,230	256,905
Tablelands Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	3,265
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	19,587
	Registered third party	\$30,000	19,587
Toowoomba Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$30,000	124,694
	Mayoral candidate	\$124,690	
	Registered third party	\$124,690	
Torres Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	2,024
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Torres Strait Island Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	180
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	2,705
	Registered third party	\$30,000	2,705
Townsville City Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	13,951
	Mayoral candidate	\$139,510	139,505
	Registered third party	\$139,510	139,505
Western Downs Regional Council	Councillor candidate	\$18,030	24,044
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

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Whitsunday Regional Council*	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	3,923
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	23,540
	Registered third party	\$30,000	23,540
Winton Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	844
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	556
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	218
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Councillor candidate	\$15,000	1,643
	Mayoral candidate	\$30,000	
	Registered third party	\$30,000	

* Divided council. The number of electors for a councillor candidate is averaged across the number of divisions, then multiplied by the number of councillors to be elected in each division, in accordance with section 123S of the LGEA. Numbers may not equal due to rounding.

** The expenditure caps for Brisbane City Council are set by the LGEA and are not determined by reference to the number of electors in the council area.