LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION OUTCOMES

MODEST CHANGE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Queensland’s local government landscape will undergo modest change, with about 29 new mayors poised to take office. With about a week to go before the full results of the 2016 council elections are known, the Local Government Association of Queensland’s chief executive officer Greg Hallam said the poll results reflected community satisfaction in their communities, particularly in regional cities and southeast Queensland. But he said the election results also heralded a changing of the guard in some rural and indigenous councils.

"Judging by the information we’ve received from the Electoral Commission of Queensland, we will be welcoming about 29 new mayors to the fold,” Mr Hallam said. There has been modest change in areas across Queensland, mostly in smaller country communities.”

"In provincial regions and southeast Queensland, there was not a high turnover, with most mayors returning. Eleven mayors and about 90 councillors retired at this election and while that means a massive loss of knowledge and experience, it also paves the way for new blood in local government. “First-time elected members will benefit from the legacies of their predecessors who, as our most recent Community Satisfaction Survey shows, did a remarkable job of serving their communities during the 2012-16 term.”

ECQ data shows informal vote levels were low, despite concerns they would rise as a result of the State Government’s referendum on fixed four-year terms being held on the same day.

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Graham Quirk, re-elected Lord Mayor, Brisbane City Council.

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