

Conduct of public forums as part of the council elections process

OBJECTIVE

To further community interest in the local government democratic process of elections.

MINUTE NO(S)

151/2008 – 19.05.2008

APPROVED

“That the Council adopt the following policy in relation to the conduct of council elections:

Central Coast Council makes provision to fund a public forum prior to each local government election where every candidate is provided with an equal opportunity to present their platform and answer questions.

Furthermore, the Council assist in providing assistance with:

- . Venue
- . Advertising.

Candidates must attend the forum in person as no written submission on their behalf will be read out or offered.”

BACKGROUND

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The Council has a responsibility to further community interests in the local democratic process of elections. This responsibility should not favour or add bias to any particular candidate or group of candidates. Moreover, it can be argued that the Council’s role is one of encouraging involvement and participation at the grassroots level.

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The benefit of this policy is:

- . The opportunity to give all candidates the opportunity to be involved
- . Council taking a pro-active role in the interests of local democracy
- . Furthers the knowledge of the local government election system
- . Assists the process of public participation in local government.'...

REVIEW DATE

1 July 2020