



# Central Coast Council

## Conduct of Public Forums as part of the Council Elections Policy

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## PURPOSE

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 election platform.

Furthermore, that the Council provide assistance with:

- . Venue.
- . Advertising.
- . Candidates are encouraged to attend the forum on the night. If they are unable to attend, they may provide a statement to be read aloud by the facilitator at the forum. Any such statement must be provided to the General Manager by 5:00pm the day of the forum.
- . The Council will live stream the public forum and will make it available on Council’s website for viewing after the forum.
- . Council will provide a light supper after the forum and allow time for members of the public to meet with candidates.”

## BACKGROUND

The benefit of this policy is:

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

## REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed every four years by the Council, unless organisational and legislative changes require more frequent modification/s.

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Approved by:

