



AMALGAMATION VOTING UPDATE

As the postal vote plebiscite on forced council amalgamations gets closer, the Member for Noosa, Glen Elmes, has released more information on the details of the plebiscite, including a sample Ballot Paper which will be delivered to everyone currently on the electoral roll from Monday 26 November.

“This is another powerful statement we can make to the Bligh Labor Government which will show that we do not want or approve of the amalgamation of Noosa into some kind of super council.

“I encourage everyone to read the information from the Electoral Commission and I will also post it on my website, www.glenelmes.com, so that it can be circulated to friends and neighbours.

“The Electoral Commission has provided a sample Ballot Paper, which you can see on my website. The sample shows general instructions and wording of the question but please note that it is not the actual ballot paper. Please wait for yours to be delivered to you in the mail. Fill it in and post immediately in the reply paid envelope which will be provided. The closing date for the ballot will be 7 December for Noosa.

“The scrutiny (checking names of voters to the rolls and counting of returned ballot papers) will take place in Brisbane. Checking of names will commence Wednesday 28 November and the count for Noosa will start on or after 7 December. Results will be released to the Local Government Association of Queensland and I hope that we will have the final result by 21 December.

“I would like to encourage everyone to vote “NO” to the question*Do you support the Queensland Government’s decision to amalgamate your Council with other Council areas?....* and make sure that Noosa’s voice is heard loud and clear by the State Labor Government who seek to destroy our way of life.

“For further information, and to see a sample of the ballot paper, please visit my website at www.glenelmes.com or contact me at my office on (07) 5449 8988.”

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