

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



Works and Corporate Services
Committee

ATTACHMENT 10.1.4

Meeting Date: 16 October 2012



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Mr Carl Askew
Chief Executive Officer
Town of Cottesloe
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Dear Mr Askew

Local Government Ordinary Election: 2013

The next local government ordinary elections are being held on 19 October 2013. While this is still some distance in the future, I have enclosed an estimate for your next ordinary election to assist in your 2013/2014 budget preparations.

The estimated cost for the 2013 election if conducted as a postal ballot is \$27,000 inc GST, which has been based on the following assumptions:

- 5500 electors
- response rate of approximately 45%
- 5 vacancies
- count to be conducted at the offices of the Town of Cottesloe.

Costs not incorporated in this estimate include:

- non-statutory advertising (ie any additional advertisements in community newspapers and promotional advertising)
- any legal expenses other than those that are determined to be borne by the Western Australian Electoral Commission in a Court of Disputed Returns
- one local government staff member to work in the polling place on election day.

The Commission is required by the *Local Government Act 1995* to conduct local government elections on a full cost recovery basis and you should note that this is an estimate only and may vary depending on a range of factors including the cost of materials or number of replies received. The basis for charges is all materials at cost and a margin on staff time only. Should a significant change in this figure become evident prior to or during the election you will be advised as early as possible.

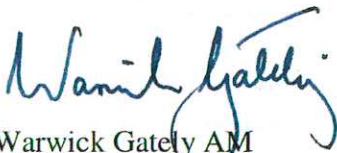
The current procedure required by the *Local Government Act 1995* is that my written agreement has to be obtained before the vote by Council is taken. To facilitate the process, you can take this letter as my agreement to be responsible for the conduct of the ordinary elections in 2013 for the Town of Cottesloe in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, together with any other elections or polls that may also be required. My agreement is subject to the proviso that the Town of Cottesloe also wishes to have the election undertaken by the Western Australian Electoral Commission as a postal election.

In order to achieve this, your council will now need to pass the following two motions by absolute majority:

- Declare, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2013 ordinary elections together with any other elections or polls which may be required
- Decide, in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the method of conducting the election will be as a postal election.

I look forward to conducting this election for the Town of Cottesloe in anticipation of an affirmative vote by Council.

Yours sincerely



Warwick Gateley AM
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

13 September 2012