

INQUIRY INTO 2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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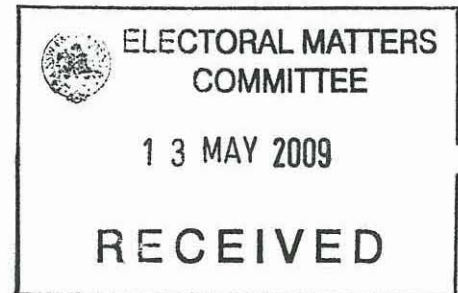
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12 May 2009

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
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Mr Chairman

Inquiry into Local Government Election - September 2008

Upper Lachlan Shire Council submits the following points for consideration of the Joint Standing Committee for the Inquiry onto the conduct of the 2008 Local Government elections:-

- The final expenses for Upper Lachlan Shire Council payable for election services provided by the NSW Electoral Commission totaled \$48,200 (GST Exclusive). The total costs for the election expenses in 2004 were \$25,000 (GST Exclusive). Therefore, there was a 93% increase in election expenses provided by the Electoral Commission payable by Upper Lachlan Shire Council from 2004 to 2008.
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council noted that around 15% of all votes recorded were pre-poll votes processed at Council's three offices located in Crookwell, Taralga and Gunning. There is no reimbursement of Council staff salaries, time and use of resources; i.e. photocopier, facsimile and stationary. These expenses are in addition to the \$48,200 invoiced by the NSW Electoral Commission.
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council also incurred expenses for advertising and public notice expenses totaling \$4,306. Council staff time in liaising and coordinating with advertising agents is not incorporated in the advertisement expenses. These expenses are in addition to the \$48,200 invoiced by the NSW Electoral Commission.

- The dissemination of information regarding voting seemed inadequate for the exorbitant expense from the NSW Electoral Commission.
- The ongoing requirements for completion of six monthly Councillor returns seems excessive and unnecessary.

The Upper Lachlan Shire Council holds the abovementioned views.

Yours faithfully

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JK Bell
General Manager

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26 March 2009

Mr John Bell
General Manager
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GUNNING/CROOKWELL/TARALGA
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Dear Mr Bell

Final Reconciliation of Costs – 2008 Local Government Election

As you are aware, the New South Wales Electoral Commission (NSWEC) provided a budget estimate of costs for the conduct of the Local Government election for your council. We invoiced council for 85% against this estimate in August 2008 and advised that once final costs were known the NSWEC would invoice for the balance.

The NSWEC has worked to contain costs as much as possible. We are pleased to advise that in almost all council areas we have been successful in delivering the election for less than the budget estimate.

Attached please find your council's final summary of costs and invoice or credit note where applicable. An Electronic Funds Transfer form is attached where a credit is payable by the NSWEC.

Unlike previous Local Government elections we have now captured all costs associated with the conduct of the elections. This will be helpful to both the NSWEC and your council in planning and budgeting for the 2012 elections.

Should you have any questions regarding the final calculation of costs please contact Trevor Follett, Director Finance and Administration, at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



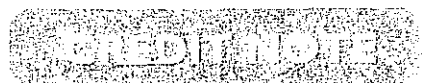
Colin Barry
Electoral Commissioner

**Final Expenses for Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Local Government Election**

Item	Description	Amount
Local Government Elections Programme Management		
	Project Management	200
	Performance Evaluation & Reporting, Candidate Support, Legal	370
	NSWEC Administration Fee	2,910
Programme Management Total		3,480
Finance Services		
	Budget Management	30
	Payroll Processing	380
	Payables Processing	120
	Mail Services	150
Finance Services Total		680
Election Services		
	Council Visits	40
	Candidate Info Sessions	90
	De-brief Programme for Returning Officers	10
	Centralised Vote Counting	-
	Voting Centres (Incl. pre-poll, DIs & polling places)	1,530
	Election Materials	2,080
	Training Programme	360
	Returning Officer Support Centre	330
	Wages - Returning Officers	4,780
	Wages - Office Assistants	5,220
	Wages - Election Officials	15,340
	Returning Officer Accommodation	4,150
	Registration of How-to-Vote Material	10
	Printing Ballot Papers	2,380
Election Services Total		36,320
Election Information Services		
	Equal Access to Democracy	180
	Elector Info Campaign - NSWEC Campaign	910
	Elector Info Campaign - Brochure	3,050
	Elector Information	110
	Info Kit	
	LG Profiling	
	Elector Enquiry Centre	410
	Website & Education Services	310
Election Information Services Total		4,970
Information Technology		
	Systems Support	540
	IT Setup	1,180
	Website (dynamic)	110
	Rolls	470
	IT Personnel	250
	Results	160
Information Technology Total		2,710
Total Expenses		48,200
less August 2008 Invoice		48,500
Amount to be Credited		- 300

Note: All amounts listed are GST Exclusive

Andrew



TO: UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE
COUNCIL
PO BOX 10
CROOKWELL NSW 2583

INVOICE NO: SCLG001777

ACCOUNT NO: AR00097

YOUR REF: General Manager

DATE: 20/03/09

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Credit Balance LGE 2008	1.00	300.00	330.00

Your Local Government Election cost summary is attached.

GST	30.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	330.00

Please email remittance advice to finance@elections.nsw.gov.au for any enquiries.

Creditor A/C _____
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Payment By Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Company's Trading Name: UPPER LACKLAN COUNCIL

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CROOKWELL NSW 2583

Account's Contact Person: ANDREW CROKE

Phone No.:

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Email Address for Remittance: _____

Bank Name:

Branch Name:

BSB No.:

Bank Account Name:

Bank Account No.:

Authorised Signature: _____

Date: 27 / 4 / 2009

Please fax this completed form to (02) 9290 5991, or
post to Finance Section, NSW Electoral Commission, GPO Box 832, Sydney NSW 2001

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