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Discussion paper released on 2014 local government election review

The State Government today released for public comment a discussion paper on a review of the 2014 Local Government elections in South Australia.

The review is being conducted by the Office of Local Government with input from the SA Electoral Commission and the Local Government Association.

Local Government Minister Geoff Brock said the review focused on key areas aimed at improving the operation of elections in South Australia and voter turnout.

“Every four years we elect the people that represent us on our councils to oversee the many services that are so important to our daily lives,” Mr Brock said.

“It’s essential that we seek to improve participation in these elections, both by voters and by candidates, so that we have strong local representation,” Mr Brock said.

The discussion paper canvasses specific issues including:

- voter participation
- electronic voting
- automatic property franchise entitlement
- caretaker provisions
- concurrent timing of State and Local Government elections and
- disclosure of candidate’s political affiliations and memberships.

“All comments received will provide valuable feedback and views for potential reform and improvement of these elections, which are so vital to our local communities,” Mr Brock said.

The discussion paper is available from today for public consultation until 5pm Friday 27 November 2015.

The paper is available on the Office of Local Government’s website
www.dpti.sa.gov.au/local_govt