

Voting and ballot procedure for category 2 water authorities
SECTION 5.12 NOTICE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – LOWER BURDEKIN WATER

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations are called for four persons eligible to be elected as directors of Lower Burdekin Water. Two (2) directors are to be nominated and elected from ratepayers in each of the (2) two divisions by ratepayers of Lower Burdekin Water for a three (3) year term.
2. All ratepayers are eligible as candidates for elected director nominations. However, only one ratepayer from any one entity is eligible to stand for election.
3. Elected director nominees shall be nominated by 2 ratepayers.
4. Elected director candidates can stand for election in one Division only.
5. Nominations close and must be received by the returning officer (at PO Box 1148, Ayr Qld 4807) by Friday 5th July 2019 at 4.30pm.
6. If, after nominations have closed, the number of proposed candidates is more than four in any one of the two divisions, voting material for a secret ballot in the relevant Division will be mailed to voters on 17th July 2019.
7. To ensure that LBW meets its obligations to achieve gender equality on its board, where the four nominees in each division who received the highest votes are all one gender, LBW will also provide the details of up to two nominees of the opposite gender who received the next highest votes in the secret ballot to the Minister for review and appointment.
8. Nominations must be:
 - written; and
 - signed by the candidate and 2 voters; and
 - given to the returning officer by the time and date mentioned in point 5 above.
9. A copy of the Nomination Form and Information Package is available from Lower Burdekin Water Northern and Southern Division offices and is also available to download from the website www.lowerburdekinwater.com.au.
10. A candidate may withdraw a nomination by notice in writing to the returning officer no later than 1 hour before nominations close on the date mentioned in point 5 above.
11. A person must not, in relation to points 8 and 10 above, state anything the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.
12. Before accepting a nomination, a person should consider the eligibility requirements in section 602 of the *Water Act 2000* which states –

602 Disqualification as director

- (1) A person is disqualified from being appointed or continuing as a director for a water authority if the person—
 - (a) has a conviction, other than a spent conviction, for an indictable offence; or
 - (b) is an insolvent under administration; or
 - (c) is disqualified from managing corporations because of the Corporations Act, part 2D.6; or
 - (d) is an employee of the authority; or
 - (e) is directly interested in an agreement with, or on behalf of, the authority.
 - (2) Subsection (1)(e) does not apply to a person to the extent the person is directly interested in an agreement with the water authority for the supply of water.
13. A successful candidate may also be required by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy to consent to searches being undertaken in relation to matters stated in s603 of the Act.