1. The Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2015 proposes amendments to the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (COBA), *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA), *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (LGEA) and the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA).
2. The Bill amends the COBA and the LGA to clarify that an accepted how-to-vote card under the LGEA section 179 is not ‘election material’ for the purposes of the COBA section 92D and the LGA section 90D. This will allow a local government to lawfully make accepted how-to-vote cards available for inspection at the local government’s public office during a caretaker period for the local government.
3. The Bill removes an obsolete reference to mayoral first-past-the-post voting in section 84 of the LGEA. The system of voting for mayors in undivided local governments was changed from first-past-the-post to optional-preferential on 1 January 2015 to make uniform the voting system for mayors across divided and undivided local government areas and consistent with the method of voting for members of the Legislative Assembly.
4. The Bill also provides a local government with a further two years to have a Local Government Infrastructure Plan in place if it has received the Planning Minister’s approval for the extension prior to 1 July 2016. It also allows a development applicant to advise the local government that they are not seeking information about offsets or refunds to be included in an Infrastructure Charges Notice. These amendments to SPA will provide certainty to local governments intending to levy an infrastructure charge; and avoid delays in development approvals for applicants who are prepared to receive information about offsets at a later time.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)