
ELECTION ACTIVITY – PRACTICE GUIDE

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During the elections period, the following election activities may be conducted, on an opt-in basis for all nominating candidates:

- Candidate video recording sessions, and
- Candidate debate sessions

CANDIDATE VIDEO RECORDING SESSIONS

- a)Candidate video recording sessions will provide candidates with the opportunity to record a short video message to be utilised in their campaign.
- b)Candidates will respond to pre-determined questions as directed by the returning officer (as defined in the Elections Regulations 2016).
- c)Responses to the candidate questions must comply with Regulation 16(5) of the Elections Regulations 2016 and be authorised by the returning officer prior to the recording session.

CANDIDATE DEBATE

- a)The candidate debate will be conducted in the following format:
 - The moderator will welcome attendees and candidates
 - Candidates will be provided with an opportunity to make an opening statement, introducing themselves and their platform, of no more than 3 minutes each statement.
 - Moderators will introduce a number of questions*, with candidates each allotted two minutes to respond.
 - The moderator will ask for questions from the audience, with candidates allotted two minutes to respond.
 - Candidates will be provided with the opportunity to make a closing statement, of no more than 3 minutes each statement.
 - Candidates will not be permitted to ask questions of other candidates

*Candidates will be provided with several prepared questions prior to the debate, constructed to elicit detailed responses. A selection of these will be introduced during the debate.

Rules of engagement during the Candidate Debates are governed by Part 8, Division 1, Regulation 38(2) of the Elections Regulations 2016.