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Dear Dr Dale

**Re: non-resident ratepayer electoral registration**

A Better Eurobodalla (ABE) is keen to ensure that accurate and timely information is available to all potential voters in the 2021 Eurobodalla Shire Council election. In particular, we note that 36% of eligible voters are “non-resident” ratepayers who have a right to register to vote prior to the election period. We are already receiving enquiries from non-resident ratepayers and, as you will appreciate, this will accelerate as many holiday here over the Christmas period and into the New Year.

Since clear and correct information on election eligibility is also in Council’s interests, we are seeking your most current advice on:

1. What has Council planned regarding provision of advice to eligible voters for the 2021 Eurobodalla Shire Council elections?
2. How will this advice be provided (i.e. via Council’s website; newsletters; correspondence to non-resident ratepayers; advertising in local newspapers; or media releases)?
3. When does Council propose to issue the above advice?
4. Do you have a standardised written advice statement that we can reference, with appropriate acknowledgement? and
5. Do you have a specific existing or proposed Council website address that we can refer to?

Any further details of proposed content and timing, or other information you can provide on the above, would be most welcome.

Since ABE will be advising non-resident ratepayers on how to register to vote in the 2021 Council election as they visit the Shire over the Christmas–New Year holiday season, we would appreciate it if you could provide a timely response to the above questions by 12 December.

Yours sincerely,  
Bernie O’Neil  
Co-Convenor  
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