



ELMES LAUNCHES NOOSA ELECTORATE WEBSITE

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Member for Noosa Glen Elmes today launched www.glenelmes.com as a vital link between the electorate and its representative in State Parliament.

“I believe it is absolutely essential that residents living in the Noosa Electorate are easily able to access information on those issues for which I am fighting, on their behalf, so there will be a link to all my Parliamentary speeches and to my media releases since I was elected in September 2006.”

“It’s also very important that people are able to contact me quickly and easily via email if they wish to discuss issues or need additional information.”

Mr Elmes said the biggest issue facing the Noosa Electorate at the moment was the prospect of forced local government amalgamations.

“More than 18,000 Noosa residents signed a petition a few years ago stating emphatically that they did not want Noosa Shire to amalgamate with any other local government.

“The Beattie Government is now forcing amalgamation upon us and I want to make sure that all residents are given the opportunity to have a say on the make-up of their local council, an opportunity that has been denied them by Mr Beattie and his Minister for Local Government.”

Mr Elmes said the website would not only provide a forum for residents to vote on their preferred option for a local council model but will also give them an opportunity to voice their opinions and read those views of other community members who care to post comments.

“I will then make sure that all these messages are sent to the Premier, the Minister for Local Government & Planning and to the Local Government Reform Commission”.

“The Beattie Government appears to be ignoring the democratic rights of Queenslanders to have a say on how they wish to be governed.

“I believe www.glenelmes.com will give everybody the opportunity to remind the Government that we all have a right to be heard and we all should have the right to vote for our preferred model of local government.”

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