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CHARACTERISTICS OF CANDIDATES AND COUNCILLORS 2008

The report on findings from the 2008 Characteristics of Candidates and Councillors Survey has been completed and is available on the 'Publications' and 'Promoting Diversity' pages of the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au.

This report is the sixth in a series of reports, the purpose of which is to provide information about the representation of the community on local councils.

As well as describing the characteristics of candidates and councillors at 148 local government elections held in September 2008, the report identifies trends over time.

The following data was collected for the first time at the 2008 elections:

- first language spoken – this was previously collected only for councillors
- occupation – this was previously collected only for councillors
- disability – candidates were asked if they considered themselves to have a disability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank councils for responding to the survey.



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