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Dear Ms Chopping

Local Government Act 1995 reform package

At the Monday, 6 December 2021 Special Council Meeting, the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale passed the following resolution:

SCM089/12/21

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. RESOLVES the following positions regarding the proposed Local Government reforms announced by the Minister on 10 November 2021:

| Reform number | Proposed reform | Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale position |
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| 1.1 | Early Intervention Powers | SUPPORTED |
| 1.2 | Local Government Monitors | SUPPORTED |
| 1.3 | Conduct Panel | SUPPORTED |
| 1.4 | Review of Penalties | SUPPORTED |
| 1.5 | Rapid Red Card Resolutions | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 1.6 | Vexatious Complaint Referrals | SUPPORTED |
| 1.7 | Minor Other Reforms | SUPPORTED |
| 2.1 | Resource Sharing | SUPPORTED |
| 2.2 | Standardisation of crossovers | SUPPORTED |
| 2.3 | Introduce Innovation Provisions | SUPPORTED |
| 2.4 | Streamline Local Laws | SUPPORTED |
| 2.5 | Simplifying Approvals for Small Business and Community Events | SUPPORTED |
| 2.6 | Standardised Meeting Procedures, Including Public Question Time | SUPPORTED |



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| 2.7 | Regional Subsidiaries | SUPPORTED |
| 3.1 | Recordings and Live-Streaming of All Council Meetings | SUPPORTED |
| 3.2 | Recording All Votes in Council Minutes | SUPPORTED |
| 3.3 | Clearer Guidance for Meeting Items that may be Confidential | SUPPORTED |
| 3.4 | Additional Online Registers | SUPPORTED |
| 3.5 | Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) be Published | SUPPORTED as currently published by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale |
| 4.1 | Community and Stakeholder Engagement Charters | SUPPORTED |
| 4.2 | Ratepayer Satisfaction Surveys (Band 1 and 2 local governments only) | SUPPORTED |
| 4.3 | Introduction of Preferential Voting | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 4.4 | Public Vote to Elect the Mayor and President | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 4.5 | Tiered Limits on the Number of Councillors | SUPPORTED |
| 4.6 | No Wards for Small Councils (Band 3 and 4 Councils only) | NO POSITION |
| 4.7 | Electoral Reform – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Voter Eligibility | SUPPORTED |
| 4.8 | Reform of Candidate Profiles | SUPPORTED |
| 4.9 | Minor Other Electoral Reforms | SUPPORTED |
| 5.1 | Introduce Principles in the Act | SUPPORTED |
| 5.2 | Greater Role Clarity | SUPPORTED |
| 5.3 | Council Communication Agreements | SUPPORTED |
| 5.4 | Local Governments May Pay Superannuation Contributions for Elected Members | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 5.5 | Local Governments May Establish Education Allowances | SUPPORTED |
| 5.6 | Standardised Election Caretaker period | SUPPORTED |
| 5.7 | Remove WALGA from the Act | SUPPORTED |
| 5.8 | CEO Recruitment | SUPPORTED |
| 6.1 | Model Financial Statements and Tiered Financial Reporting | SUPPORTED |
| 6.2 | Simplify Strategic and Financial Planning | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 6.3 | Rates and Revenue Policy | SUPPORTED |

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| 6.4 | Monthly Reporting of Credit Card Statements | SUPPORTED |
| 6.5 | Amended Financial Ratios | SUPPORTED |
| 6.6 | Audit Committees | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 6.7 | Building Upgrade Finance | NOT SUPPORTED |
| 6.8 | Cost of Waste Service to be Specified on Rates Notices | SUPPORTED |

2. REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Western Australian Local Government Association to advise Council's resolution on this matter.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of Council's resolution on this matter.

The Shire would welcome the opportunity to participate further in the *Local Government Act 1995* reform program.

To that end I would like to offer the assistance of Mr Frazer Sullivan, Director Corporate Services and Dr Kenneth Parker, Manager Governance and Strategy to assist the Department in the next phases of the reform design.

If you need any further information please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Paul Martin
Chief Executive Officer