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Local Government Act - Reform Submission

Dear Sir

Having lived, with my family and worked within the City of Stirling most of my life and have been very active with regard to volunteering in the community and I welcome the review of the Local Government Act and I provide the following comments to you, which I hope will make the necessary changes to make the local governments more accountable and communitive to the residents

I believe there is too much power given to the CEO both through the local Government Act and also through Council delegations ad this needs to be looked into.

I believe the postal voting system should be the same process as both state and federal elections, as there is too much going on with disappearing of votes and the number of votes candidates say they receive and get, really isn't how people on the street vote or see a person

I don't believe we need preferential voting as it confuses people and we don't want someone who gets the least amount of votes from the community to represent us, the locals

If a candidate has a criminal conviction they cannot stand as a candidate in the local government election which would be the same rules as state and federal election candidates

All election candidates should have some contact details on their profiles, so we can contact them with questions and say where they live, so we know they don't live in the USA etc.

There should some form of identification when someone votes so that someone doesn't use their personal identification inappropriately and their name should be crossed off the role

I believe it's a conflict of interest especially financially if they allow candidates to be councillor who are real estate agents, builder, planner etc.

I think if land is donated to the council for community purposes then the land should stay for that purpose and not be sold off and if it is then the new site must be comparable to the old site and we need to be able to complain to someone when this happens

Need for the council to respect that all the ratepayers are not on the internet and so don't see information, are not properly consulted with regard to big projects like Karrinyup shopping centre which has really changed the local area, especially traffic and parking issues and we can complain to no one, especially when it goes to DAPs which mostly gets rubber stamped

Yours Faithfully



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