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Dear Sir

Local Government Act - Reform Submission

We are concerned about the new legislation to change the Local Government Act as we don't believe that it will address the many issues we see are important and have had an impact upon our local community.

Everyone should be entitled, including the public, to be in a safe environment free from attacks and abuse from Mayor, Councillors, CEO, staff and members of the public, which we have witnessed

If we raise complaints, to Council staff, they should be recorded and the staff made to give us a reply and if it's an unsatisfactory response then we should be able to ask state government for a reply to our concerns

Needs for something to be done when CEO and Mayors pick on some Councillors and members of the public and ignore poor behaviour of others. Obviously discriminating and obviously its because they are friends and not following fair process for everyone

Local Government elections should be made compulsory and the postal votes system should be changed and run in the same way state and Federal government elections as it will be easier to follow and less opportunity for people to steal ballot papers from letterboxes and people will take more of an interest in local government and who represents them.

Candidates should have their phone number and address available so we know where they live and should not be allowed to stand if they are a real estate agent, builder, planner or have a criminal conviction as they have a vested money / business interest and won't put the community first and we won't know till it's too late when something is built

As ratepayers we should have the right to come and ask any and as many questions as we like, especially when they sneak some building etc. upon us in our quiet street, or when the CEO and Mayor buy Mercedes's cars with our money

The whole consultation process needs to be reviewed to ensure everyone is consulted on local and big projects especially those people who are not on the internet and can't drive anymore, as some of the results of some surveys can't be correct on how we feel in the suburbs

Thank you, Yours Sincerely

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