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Good afternoon

I am a ratepayer and resident of the Town of Cottesloe and wish to comment on a small number of the items as follows:

3.1: I support at least having Council meetings recorded and the recordings being made accessible to residents and ratepayers.

3.3: I support strongly this proposed reform.
Excessive use of confidential meeting items can reduce public trust in the decision making process.

3.5: Some broad indication of CEO performance indicators would be useful for ratepayers and residents.
I do not support publication of the actual results of the annual performance review.

4.3: I support strongly the introduction of Optional preferential voting.
This would encourage electors to only vote in order for candidates they may know something about and lessen the risk of ticket voting.
This would be particularly useful in smaller councils if they have no wards as proposed in item 4.6.

4.4: I support direct election of the Mayor or President by the electors.

4.6: I support the abolition of the use of wards in small councils.

5.6: I agree that the issue of a statewide caretaker period for local governments needs review and clarification.
Caretaker periods apply in State and Commonwealth elections.

5.7: I support the proposal to remove WALGA from the Act.

5.8: I support this proposed reform.
An experienced independent person would be especially useful in assisting inexperienced councillors during the CEO recruitment process.

Yours faithfully,

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