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Submission for the public enquiry.

I am very strongly opposed to your suggestion that you should just sack the whole of our elected council, when no charges whatever have been laid against many of them. Where is the justice in that?

Surely this is against all the Australian attitude of “a fair go!” We have lived here for 40 years and feel that overall the council members have been hard working and accountable. Our current members should not be punished for something they have not done.

Not one of our present councillors was elected unopposed, and there were four new councillors at our last election. Surely if the voters in our electorate are not satisfied with the councillors, they can show their disapproval by voting them out next time. This is after all a democracy and not a dictatorship.

It is crazy that the councillors would be allowed to stand again if the State Government forced another election, as **that proves that they are not guilty of anything**, so why go to the expense of yet another election, when their normal term would be up anyway in a couple of years. If they are dismissed by another level of government, without any charges being laid against them, there will always be a smear against their reputations, and this is unfair. The three councillors we have had most to do with Sheila Ireland, David Pahlke, and our new councillor, Kerry Silver have always shown themselves to be hard working, committed to their job, transparent and helpful, and that is what we want from our representatives.

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