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To the committee,

Firstly, thank you for conducting these essential reforms, some of which have caused great anguish since the SPOLA Amendments Act in late 2012.

I wish to express support for the vast majority of reforms, some of which I will refer to specifically below, others I will acknowledge need to be balanced between city and country; divided vs undivided, such as Compulsory Preferential Voting, which I believe has many complexities.

I would like to make the following points:

1. Changes to Mayoral Powers, I fully support the following:

- The Mayor has previously been responsible for the preparation of the budget to be considered by Council. The proposed amendments make this the responsibility of all Councillors.
- The Mayor will only be able to provide direction to the Chief Executive Officer and not any other Council staff. This reduces the scope of the Mayor's powers by removing the ability to direct senior executive staff. Any directions by the Mayor must be in accordance with Council policies and directions.

I have a further request that any request from Mayor to CEO should be made in writing.

Further, I fully support these proposals:

- 2: Record of Membership in a Group of Candidates
3. Prohibited Campaigning Techniques
4. Registers of Interest for Candidates
5. Dedicated Campaign Bank Accounts for Candidates and Groups
6. Real Time Disclosure of Electoral Spending
7. Tightening of Reporting of Gift
8. Councillor Access to Information
9. Mandatory Training for Councillors
10. Ways to pay amounts from dedicated campaign bank accounts for candidates and groups including prohibiting the use of credit cards for campaign expenses (NOTE: A Way to manage permitted use Credit Card Use would be more practical)
11. Further tightening of conflict of interest and material personal interest provisions

I welcome any changes that allow elected representatives to conduct themselves in ways that ensure the majority of citizens best interest is served over the long term.

Many thanks for receiving this submission.

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