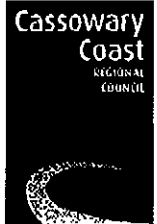


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The Principal Research Director
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Dear Ms Honeyman

**VIEWS – LAW, JUSTICE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ACT:
REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM**

I hereby submit the following submission as an individual (elected Councillor of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council) representing Division 4.

Our Local Government area is currently divided into six (6) Divisions and two and a half years into this term, following the March 2008 Election, the forced amalgamation of former Cardwell and Johnstone Shires remains a huge obstacle to our future planning and progress and Divisions only foster this situation.

I firmly believe having an 'undivided whole Council area' for the 2012 Local Government Election is the 'more appropriate way' to overcome the 'amalgamation baggage' and foster an atmosphere where Councillors will act in the best interests of the whole region and not just their Divisions.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council has a resolution in the Minutes recording as five (5)/two (2) vote in favour of an 'undivided whole Council area' and I strongly urge your Committee to support this position for the next Local Government Election in our region.

"Divisions Create Division" and our Council must present a "United Front" to place us in the most advantageous position for the benefit of the whole region.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Nolan".

CR MARK NOLAN
DEPUTY MAYOR
DIVISION 4