
From: Pat Coleman
Sent: Saturday, 31 July 2010 3:31 PM
To: Law, Justice and Safety Committee
Subject: RE: Amendment Re : Local Government Electoral Review

Please be advised , that I have noticed a missing word in my first paragraph , where it states "given a person can be elected with a majority of votes" , it should read "without a majority of votes". And if there is any doubt , my beleif if that first past the post should be abolished for all poitions , and mayors should be elected seperatly.

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Subject: RE: Submission Re : Local Government Electoral Review

Good afternoon

I acknowledge receipt of your email to the Law, Justice and Safety Committee.

A formal acknowledgement of your submission will be mailed to you.

Regards

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Submission Re : Local Government Electoral Review

It is my firm belief, having been a keen observer of council elections in the Townsville area under the previous ward system which had first past the post voting, and under the current

system of one division and the mayor with first past the post voting, that this system is thoroughly undemocratic given a person can be elected with a majority of votes.

The previous ward system with one councillor per ward and first past the post, allowed parties to always have the advantage over independents. Simply running a stooge or 2 split the vote so that only those with the money could win.

Now that the council electoral system is up for review I believe that the archaic system of 1st past the post voting be done away with and be replaced by either of the following:

One division with councillors elected by the proportional representation system , with optional preferential voting like below the line on a senate ballot paper; or

A number of multi member divisions with proportional representation and optional preferential voting as above.

Vacancies should be filled for parties , in the manner that vacancies are filled in the senate , and in the case of independents -in the current manner.

The Mayor should be elected and replaced in the current manner .

Townsville should never again be placed in the position where parties could dominate in the single councillor per ward system .

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