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Law, Justice and Safety
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Gracemere Pensioners' & Superannuants League

Post Office Box 228,

Gracemere, 4702

President – Cherith Weis – 4933 3516

Secretary – Pat Fitzgerald – 4933 2382

July 30, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

The above organisation discussed the proposed changes to the New Local Government Electoral Act with a review of the local Government Electoral System (excluding BCC) today and support for the following recommendations was approved unanimously.

DIVISIONS in councils – YES – Divisions only,

MAYORS – The election of the Mayor should be separate from Councillors and not by voted upon by councilors.

RESIDENCE of Candidate – Candidates should be required to live in the Local Government Electorate they represent.

VOTING – We support **COMPULSORY** voting

VOTING – ONE VOTE ONE VALUE.

VOTING – YES to “**FIRST PAST THE POST**” voting and a definite NO to Optional Preferential Voting.

HOW TO VOTE CARDS – NO problems

Because of the size of the document and the lateness of being made aware of these proposed changes, we have not had the time to fully examine all questions within the set time.

Yours

Pat Fitzgerald

SECRETARY

**SUBMISSIONS LAW, JUSTICE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM**

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Regarding review of the Local Government Electoral System, the following is our submission to the review.

A hard copy will be posted.

Regards

Cherith Weis (President)

Q 1. YES

Q 2. Adequate

Q 3. YES

Q 4. NO. Should be uniform throughout the state.

Q 5. Re. notes above (The voting system in Undivided Councils is First past the post) First past the post should also apply to divided councils.

Q 6. YES

Q 7. YES

Q 8. YES

Q 9. NO

Q10. YES. Guidelines are strict enough.

Q11. YES

Q12. YES

Q13. YES

Q14. NO

Q15. NO

Q16. YES

Q17. Progressively during

Q18. Standardised

Q19. YES

Q20. YES

Q21. (a) YES (b) NO

Q22. (a) NO (b) Corflutes and how to vote cards only.

Q23. YES

Q24. (a) Definitely YES (b) Excessive advertising (c) At least two days grace.

Q25. YES

Q26. NO

Q27. YES - distance related reasons

Q28. NO

Q29. YES – computerized elections should not restrict absent voting

Q30. YES

Q31. NO!

Q32. NO

Q33. NO

Q34. NO

Q35. The Electoral Commission

Q36. FIRST PAST THE POST. Means our preference.

Q37. NO

Q38. NO

Q39. We have often wondered why pencils are used instead of biros. Black biros should be used.