From: Jim.

Sent: Friday, 30 July 2010 7:19 AM

To: Law, Justice and Safety Committee

Subject: Response LAW, JUSTICE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dear Sir.

I would like to respond to the paper "LAW, JUSTICE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ACT:
REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM
(EXCLUDING BCC)
Issues Paper June 2010"

38:

Proportional Representation.

I believe that the current system of "First Past the Post" is flawed. Although there may be arguments that it is not too bad for a election of three (but this can be easily demonstrated to be flawed) there are no supporters for this system for a large number of candidates.

Method of introduction: I am not sure which model, other than to abolish "First Past the Post"

14

A person should be permitted to stand for both Mayor, and in the event of not being successful, then also being allowed to stand as a councilor. *I have* seen the current effect work against candidates in my local council election.

Solution: Under the preferential system, allow a person to nominate for both and the voter casts their vote accordingly.

26 Postal Voting

All people who are temporarily away from their abode should be entitled to a vote.

Voting

It is time for this committee to look at a system of electronic voting. We live in an age where most business transactions are conducted electronically which good security. A voting system could and should be introduced to facilitate voting.

Sincerely

James Goodsell