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**Submission on the inquiry into a new local Government Electoral Act:
Review of Local Government Electoral System (Excluding BCC)**

Mapleton and District Community Association Inc is a community based citizens' association which is involved in matters which effect the residents of Mapleton and surrounding areas.

We , the members , would like to make the following submission to the enquiry.

Electoral divisions:

We support the continuation of the divisional system. We feel that our community would received better support through a local divisional councillor.

Candidates:

Candidates for Local Government should be resident in the council area . It is preferred , but not essential , that they reside in the division they wish to represent.

We do not support the selection of mayors by the elected councillors.

Funding disclosures:

We believe disclosure of campaign funding must be mandatory for all donations over \$ 1,000.00. Candidates should be required to disclose donations before and during the campaign.

Electoral signage:

We believe that corflute signage should be restricted to a maximum of 20 signs per candidate.

Voting:

We fully support the availability of postal , pre-poll and absentee voting , within the local government area.

Property franchise:

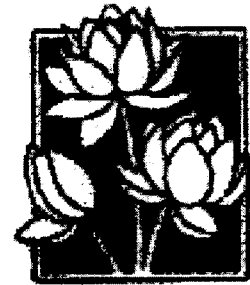
We oppose the extension of eligibility to vote in local government elections extended to non-resident property owners.

Yours sincerely


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