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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

- 1) No
- 2) No. Councils should be required to divide their area into Divisions with Two councillors being charged with responsibility. Two are required in case one is long term ill or dies.
- 3) no
- 4) No, all councils should be divided into divisions so the people have a real knowledge of who their contact is and can therefore exert responsibility on the councillors. Without divisions no one is responsible. No again this is where the State government is meant to be overseer and ensure council is responsible to ratepayers. Otherwise why have a state government.
- 5) It is probably beyond the scope of this inquiry but Councils should never be allowed Autonomy. This creates a situation where the State Government does act as an overseer of the Councils action. It leads to Kingdoms being created and becoming uncontrolled to the whim of councillors.

Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

- 6) yes
- 7)

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

- 8) No it should be shorter and with the advent of computer recording , possible.
- 9) Councils as well as governments claim they require long periods between elections to get their policies into practice. As election is the only, if any, way of making them accountable to the people it should be no more than 3 years of if a significant number of councillors retire.

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 10 to 15):

- 10) Yes it appears so, Division of power.
- 11) I don't have enough knowledge to comment.
- 12) yes
- 13) yes
- 14) no
- 15) no

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 16 to 19):

- 16) no

17) yes

18) yes

19) yes

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 20 to 24):

20) yes

21) yes, yes

22) nil

23) yes

24) yes

Voting (Question 25):

25) yes

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26) yes

27) no

28) no

29) no, if they are out of area they can postal vote

30) no, again they can postal vote

Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) No.

32) No

33) No

34) No

35) N/A

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36) Remain with current system

37) not enough info

38) not enough info

Other (Question 39):

Other) Council Autonomy should be abolished.