



YANDINA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The Chairman
Law, Justice and Safety Committee
Queensland Parliament
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**SUBMISSION ON THE INQUIRY INTO A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ACT:
REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM (EXCLUDING BCC)**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The following submission has been made on behalf of the Yandina and District Community Association (YADCA).

Electoral divisions

YADCA supports the continuation of the divisional system within Council. Members believe that a divisional Councillor is more likely to be intimately involved with and knowledgeable about his / her specific division and constituents are therefore more likely to have their voices heard and issues addressed.

Candidates

Candidates for local government should reside within the council's boundaries. Constituents should elect the council's mayor rather than have the mayor elected by councillors.

Funding and disclosures

To enable voters to accurately identify candidates' allegiances full disclosure of campaign funding must occur before and during campaigns with a complete summary of all funding provided after the election.

Voting

Constituents must have the opportunity to use postal, pre-poll or absentee voting if the need arises.

Property franchise

Only residents of a shire should have the right to vote in that shire; one vote one value. If the right to vote in a local government election is extended to non-resident property owners then certain individuals within society would have the opportunity to vote in a number of local government elections. This is undemocratic and would provide land speculators and developers with an unfair advantage.

YADCA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,
Marie Reeve,
President