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Submission to the Inquiry into Queensland Electoral System for Local Governments

The Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce supports the following :-

1. Electoral Divisions

The retention of the process of electing councillors representing divisions as currently is the case in the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for the election of councillors is important to our town.

Kenilworth is a small rural community which relies on the direct representation on council matters by a councillor who is directly involved in the community.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is overwhelmingly involved with coastal issues. Changing the system to electing representatives for the entire region would weaken the already tenuous position of Hinterland communities.

2. Candidates

Candidates should be resident in the division they represent.. This permits residents to contact a councillor responsible for issues at a particular location. Divisional Councillors are familiar with local issues..

3. Funding and Disclosures

Candidates should disclose all funding or donations over \$1500 .This would provide transparency in which vested interests are supporting candidates.

4. Electoral signage

Location, size and number of electoral signs should be controlled. Every election electoral signs are vandalized. They are an eye sore and are often in inappropriate locations.

5. Non Resident Owners

Non resident ratepayers should not be allowed to vote in local government elections. Local government is specifically to provide services to residents.

Yours sincerely

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