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This public submission is on behalf of Sandra Baraiolo and Terry Brown

All elected members must complete the Elected Member Skill set as a required * Understanding Local Government* Serving on Council* Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets* Conflicts of Interest* Meeting Procedures and Debating.

Any councillor running to become the mayor must have completed 50% of the Elected Member Skill set and must have been a councillor for a minimum of 2 years.

All local governments municipalities should have a social media policy

We believe Elected members should be committed to training and continuing professional development opportunities should be available to them.

We believe a maximum of 2 terms and then they must stand down for a term and may re nominate at the next election this encourages new thoughts and ideas and stops familiarity and nepotism

Local Government election voting should be made compulsory and be subjected to fines for not voting like State/federal elections process

We believe all municipalities should have wards to ensure fairness in the representation of municipality within each area. We believe if wards are to be removed only the Local government can endorse the changes this and not local councilors as they have vested interests as they are being paid by ratepayers' money.

Elected members should personally reside in the ward in which they wish to nominate for Council to ensure local understanding of the area.

If an elected member chose to run in either state or federal politics they must immediately vacate the seat they hold in local government.

There should be a system in place whereby vexatious staff and elected members who repeatedly charge bully and intimidate elected members are to be liable for the associated costs and there should be a statutory penalty imposed any attacks in the chamber during meeting should be dealt with harshly and expeditiously any grievances should be published.

Regulation 7 of the Local Government Act should be applicable to all local government staff and elected members to ensure procedural fairness and guard against misuse of ratepayer's money to attack and bully elected members and other staff

Elected members should be ineligible to be a councillor if they are developers real estate agents and public servants who work in State Government Departments concerned with land matters as they could have a perceived conflict of interest in the eyes of the public

Any candidates considering becoming an Elected Members to Council must be prepared to include a telephone and residential address on the application form which is sent out to residents on any election material. The use of post-office box numbers can be misleading and confusing to the voter and should be prohibited.

Elected members shall be ineligible to be Elected Member candidates if they are a declared bankrupt or have a criminal conviction in any locality or country

Elected members should not be permitted to be scrutineer's in the counting of votes for local government elections as it could be perceived as an alignment.

Stop candidates running a ticket of candidates as this encourages block voting It should be policed to prevent possible alignment leading to the formation of cliques leading to possible harassment of individuals
Any gift over \$50 to all employees or elected members should be recorded and displayed on the council website for the public to view.

All travel to meetings conferences forums dinners and any other official representation by both staff and elected members should be recorded and displayed on the council website for the public to view as part of transparency this should also be accompanied by the written invitation to such function.

Each municipality should have a sign in book for each council meeting and be published in the minutes of attendees to meeting. For security and transparency of residents and ratepayers

Every Local Government should provide a summary report twice a year to council and a yearly summary in the annual report listing the number of OSH issues such as: unfair dismissal claims bullying claims exit forms staff leaving cost of legal dispute settling deeds of settlement etc.

Mrs Sandy Baraiolo and Mr Terry Brown joint submission

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