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Below is the submission from the Shire of Dumbleyung for the Local Government Act Review:

Mandatory Training

The Shire of Dumbleyung is concerned about the potential detrimental effect that mandatory training would have on trying to find community members to stand for Council when this can already be difficult. We believe that there should be no mandatory training prior to elections, though a non-compulsory induction is important. Time and travel are both factors that make training difficult. If there was red tape reduction, rather than the increase in compliance that we always get, then it could possibly free up a some time for more training.

Code of Conduct

The Shire of Dumbleyung supports a single Councillor being able to be removed for violations of the Code of Conduct Regulations. This removal must be by agreement of a majority of Council.

Red Tape Reduction

The Shire of Dumbleyung strongly supports the reduction of red tape and compliance measures, from all departments. We are continually seeing more resources being required for compliance measures that result in less benefit being provided to the community, which is what we are there for in the first place. While we understand that there needs to be a level of governance and compliance to reduce the risks faced by the community, there is now too great of a level and it is negatively affecting community benefit.

Caretaker Period

The Shire of Dumbleyung supports a two month caretaker period before elections in which no major decisions could be made.

Kind Regards,



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