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Chris Cornish

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

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"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
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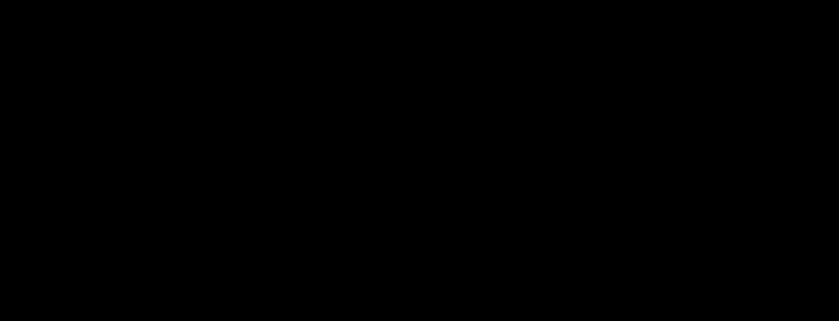
Council meetings

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"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Robert Elsbury

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

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"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very unsupportive**

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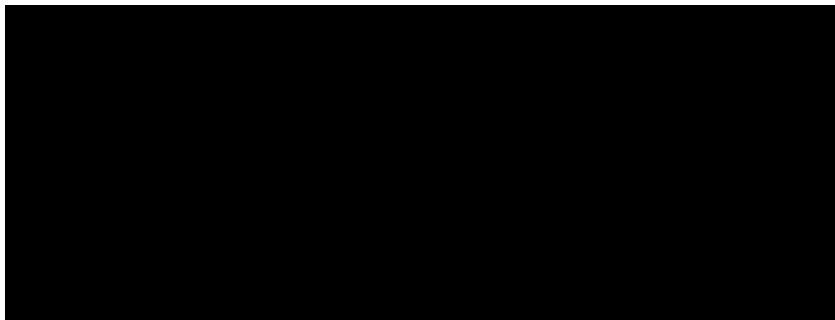
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Live streaming and web accessibility is essential for residents and ratepayers to make judgements on the performance of Councillors. Currently the only way this can be seen is by attending meetings because statements by Councillors are not included in minutes.



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Samantha Jenkinson

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Stirling (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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Council meetings

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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
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Ben Staples

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cambridge (Town)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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If yes, how?:
Teleconference with video presentation of minutes or agenda. This is not an unreasonable expectation given the technology is widely available at a very low cost (ie Skype for Business or Cisco WebEx etc). Remote attendee must have adequate internet connection.

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"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Neutral**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Neutral**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

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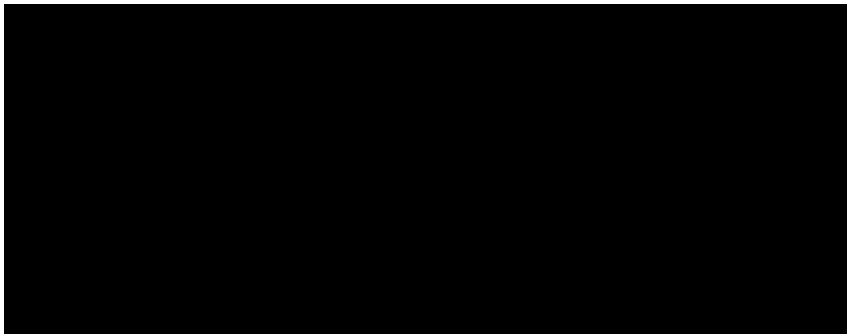
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Jean Sutherland

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Dalwallinu (Shire)**

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Bill Ashman

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Prefer not to say**

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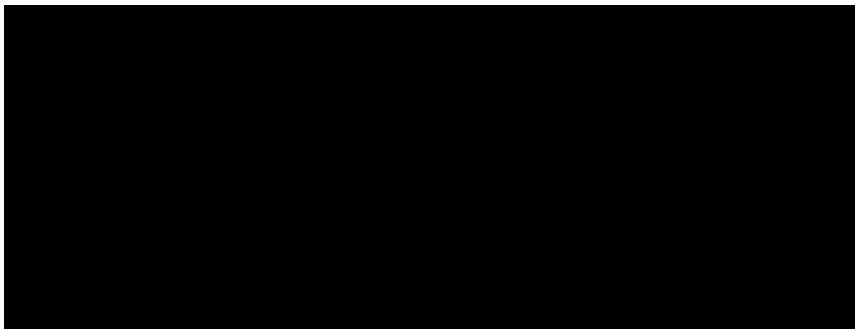
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Anything that makes councils & individual councilors more accountable & transparent should be welcomed. Minutes need to be more detailed and show individual councilor's votes- "carried 8-2" and "discussion ensued" means that unless you attend the meeting you've no idea who voted or said what. Councilors must be prepared to stand behind their votes and statements like all other politicians.



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Murray Cook

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bunbury (City)**

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If yes, how?:
Video or Audio Link

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Neil mcilwaine

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Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Greater Geraldton (City)**

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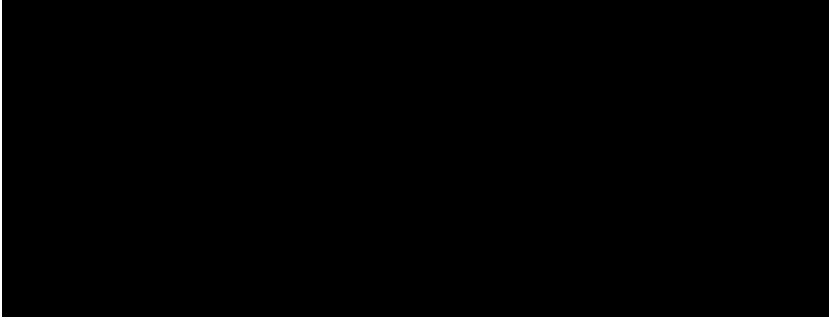
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Dianne Pensini

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

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Bruce Haynes

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **76+**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Claremont (Town)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
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Support the provision of specific procedures whereby Council can suspend aspects of Standing Orders by moving into Committee and then resume formal Council meeting to vote.



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Danielle Courtin

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Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

I am not supportive of "remote attendance": if an elected member can't attend in person, they are an apology and the rest of the Council makes the decision. If an issue is of such importance to an elected member, then they should ensure that they are present when it is discussed in a Council meeting and make other arrangements for their holiday or conference etc.



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Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Edwina B Lefroy

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Coorow (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
By video-conferencing or telephone conferencing.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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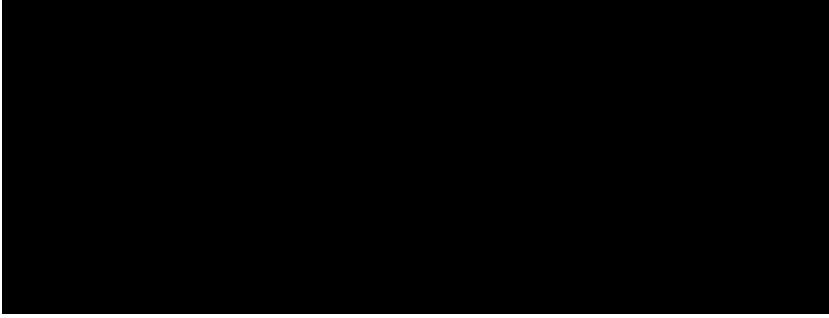
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Jo Hart

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Toodyay (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: phone, video conference, VOIP, any suitable online platform
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Unsure
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

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Live streaming would be very positive, in terms of access and also in terms of keeping the community informed. Council meetings are rarely easy for community members to attend, live streaming would provide an alternative. It would also help to keep council and CEO honest!



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Suzie Haslehurst

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **York (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Via Skype or teleconference or similar. There needs to be visual as well as audio contact with the member
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Unsure
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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Council meetings

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"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Need to ensure that reforms don;t make it more difficult for smaller local governments to operate efficiently - ie making live streaming of meetings mandatory would be restrictive



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Alison Lewis

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Beverley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Video Conference - where they can see their fellow councillors, and the Councillors can see the person participating remotely
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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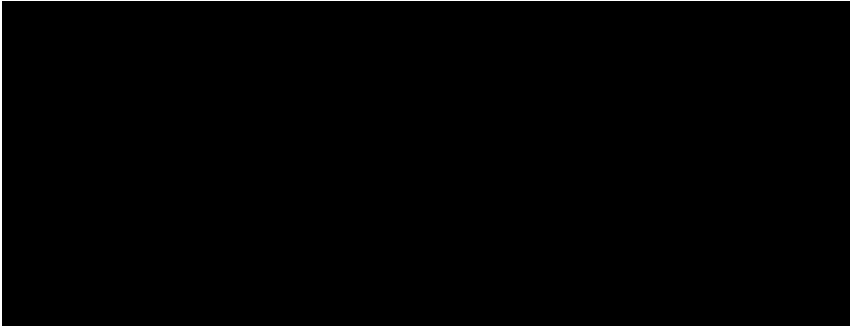
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Neutral
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Dale Stewart

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Narrogin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very unsupportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: reliable internet or telephone, audio visual preferred
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
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"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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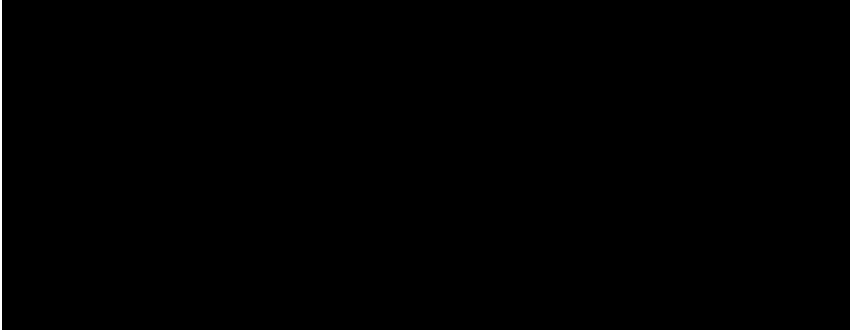
Council meetings

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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

gary bairstow

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Toodyay (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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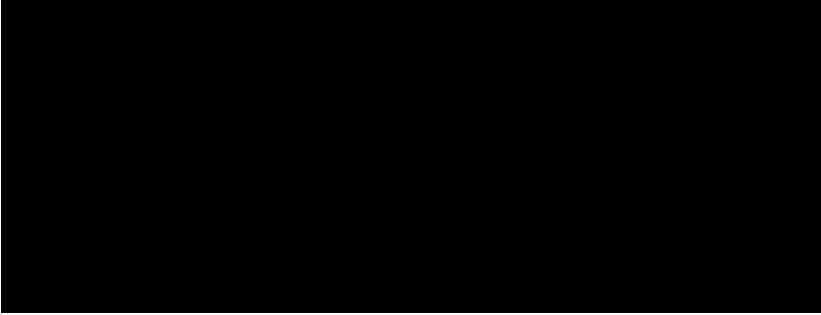
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Peter Crispin

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Coorow (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Neutral
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very unsupportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Some work away but would still like to participate
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Unsure
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Nils Hay

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mingenew (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Neutral
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?

Yes,
If yes, how?:
With prior approval from Council, over telephone or video-conference (noting that this will force some small shires to upgrade their facilities in order to accommodate this).
There should be reasonable limits placed on the circumstances and regularity under which this can be done. (e.g. must be a certain distance away, must be on relevant business etc.) I don't believe it should be supported simply because it may be more convenient; attendance at meetings (and public question time) is an important function of all elected members.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?

Yes

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?

Yes

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Council meetings

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Neutral**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Neutral**

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Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed." **Supportive**

"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed." **Neutral**

"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted." **Very supportive**

"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased." **Neutral**

"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings." **Unsupportive**

"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments." **Unsupportive**

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

I believe that there should be reasonable notice given for questions to public question time to allow Council officers time to prepare responses. There should also be reasonable limits on the number of questions or the number of times a certain topic can be raised over a given time-frame. Whilst it's important for the community to be able to reasonably ask questions of their local government, the resourcing implications (particularly in smaller local governments, but also in larger ones) needs to be considered.



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Andrew Thomson

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cambridge (Town)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
This needs to be by video or other visual means and projected into the forum so that the public can also see them as if they were in the room. There are many technologies available and many are not expensive. However that said it should be up to each council to decide if it is allowed since some small councils may see it as more valuable for remote participants or less value due to costs. The key point is that the Act should allow for it so that it keeps up with not only current technology but also possible avances prior to further act reviews.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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Council meetings

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Live streaming and interactive questions on line such as is used in modern webinars or shows like ABC Q&A. This should be normal now since it is everywhere in business and professional organisations. How the council may wish to process the questions will need to be thought through but perhaps the presiding member can either use them during debate (like Q&A) or record them in minutes with answers later or something similar may work. If there is a genuine interest in engaging with community and raising professionalism then this technology approach should be seen as a very relevant media for such interactions. Also we should ensure that the live stream is recorded and placed onto the districts website for a minimum of 12 months so that people who are unable to attend at the time can at least view the webinar recording to be more informed.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Alan

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Katanning (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?

Yes,
If yes, how?:
Yes, skype or computer based technology and somehow being able to see them, including the gallery. However there should be a very definitive limit on how many times this can be done. E.G. no more than 6 meetings a term. remote access to a meeting should be exceptional, not the norm.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?

No

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?

No

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very unsupportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **No**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Ellen Valenta

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Kondinin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Neutral
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: via Teleconference
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Unsure
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Colin Mowday

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Merredin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Neutral
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Aaron cook

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Narrogin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Skype style interaction
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Mark Northover

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Wyndham-East Kimberley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Participation should be permitted in remote rural Shires as councillors sometimes have to travel extensively from the work environment. By Skype, telephone or any electronic means.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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Council meetings

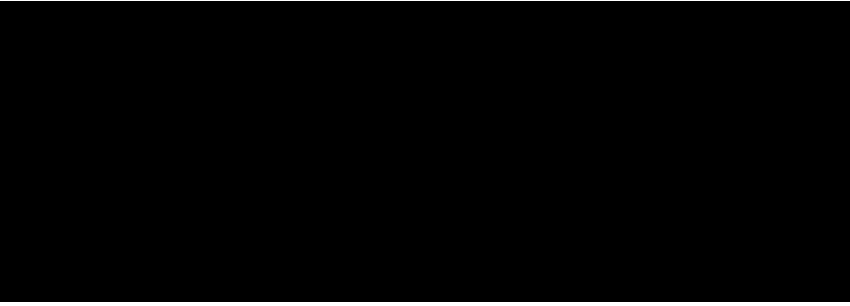
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

1. State regulations stating when electors move a motion and it is up for voting, the CEO should not be involved in vote counting, preferably counted by an independent electoral member.
 2. State Regulations reporting the number of administration staff voting at a electors meeting. (Often Administrative staff can outnumber electors when scheduled during school holidays.)
 3. Electors meeting's need voters registration, eligibility or reconciliation, for and against. Meeting procedures should be guided by State regulation.
 4. State Regulations requiring (and providing specific training for) the President's competency and compliance with meeting procedures, independent of the CEO.
 5. State Regulations on either recording or documenting councillor briefing sessions in order to prevent robust debate occurring outside the residents/ratepayers knowledge/input. Regulation needed or otherwise open the briefing session to the public.
 6. State Government regulation on "Briefing sessions", "pre meeting's", alcohol consumption and operational standards that encourage collaborative behaviour stifling OCM debate.
 7. DLGSC should be able to issue infringement notices to the LG when meetings don't comply with regulation.
 8. State Regulations stipulating the Minutes of a OCM should be available the day after the OCM.
 9. State Regulations stipulating the Agenda release days for the public to be at least 7 days prior to the OCM. Rather than 3 days which is insufficient.
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Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Maxine Middap

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Wyndham-East Kimberley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very unsupportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very unsupportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very unsupportive

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Council meetings

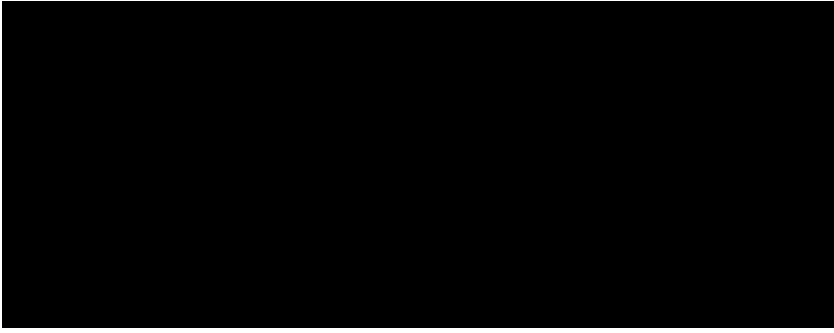
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"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very unsupportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Each council should have the right to decide as to how council meetings are conducted, taking note of any legislative requirements.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Greater Geraldton

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Shane Van Styn

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Greater Geraldton (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Via video link, the is especially important here in Geraldton where our LG is 160km West to East with Councillors residing in each of those extremities.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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Council meetings

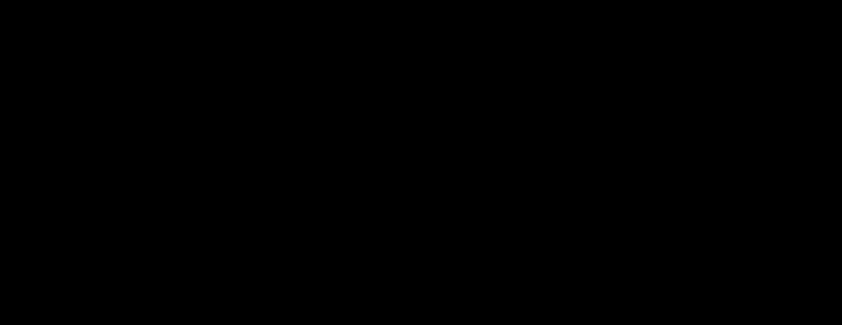
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

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Our last Annual electors meeting took exactly 1 minute. What a waste of resources and time.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Garry Keeffe

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Northampton (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: If they are more than 100km from the main meeting venue however for election of Mayors/Presidents and committees must be all in person.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Unsupportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

No



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Kevin Xanthis

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Stirling (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Some sort of closed circuit tv
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Unsure
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Unsupportive
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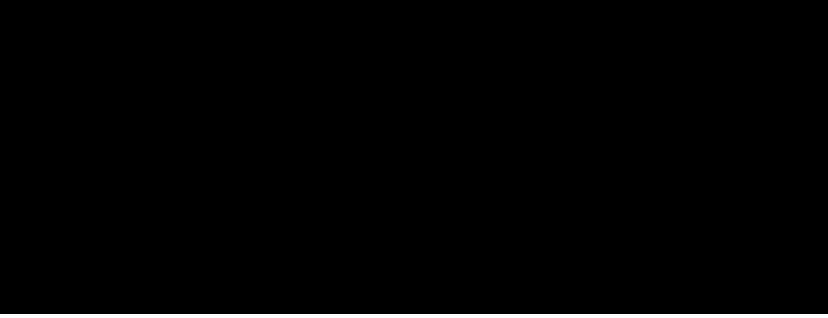
Council meetings

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"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Sean Salmon

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Broome (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed." **Very unsupportive**

"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed." **Very unsupportive**

"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted." **Very unsupportive**

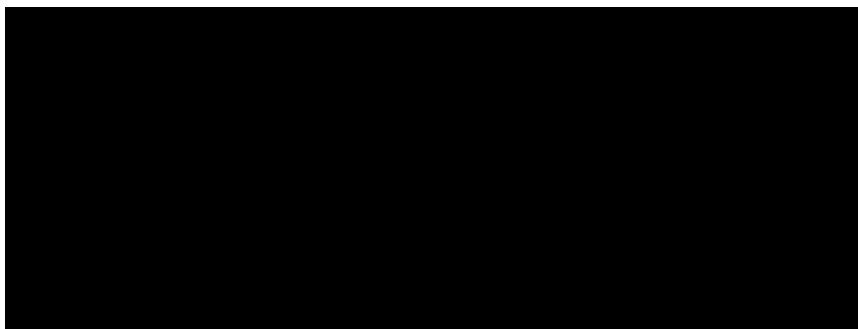
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased." **Very unsupportive**

"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings." **Supportive**

"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments." **Very supportive**

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Judy Hearne

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Capel (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

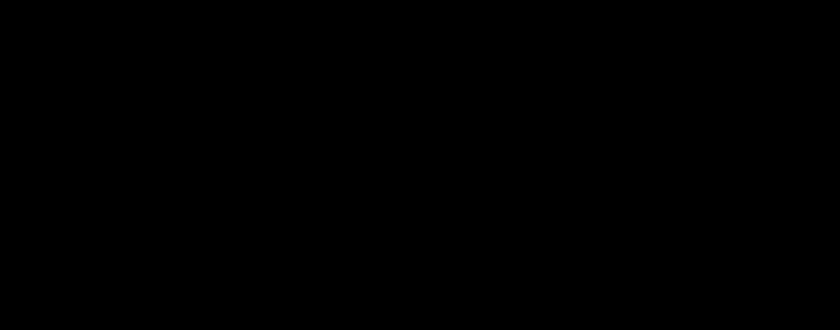
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There should be clarity for electors on what they may bring to a special Electors meeting and how they are required to conduct themselves. There should be clarity as to the significance or what can be expected as the outcome of any motions put and passed, as often these are inappropriate and not in keeping with the council's brief. The motions to be put should always be clearly recorded on the petition sheets signed by ratepayers to request a meeting. all signatories should sign to attest they are ratepayers in the shire. The number of petitioners and ratepayers required to hold a meeting should be a significant proportion of the electoral roll. wouldn't it be wonderful if the only ratepayers who could petition were those who cared enough about the local govt area to have voted in the last election?

re question time in the monthly meetings... questioners need to supply their questions in writing at least he day before the meeting and identify which item on the agenda their question is pertinent to. the chair should also be able to edit out questions that have already been asked y another questioner in a different way.

Ratepayers attending monthly meetings should be required to sign to register their attendance and their status as ratepayers. they should , in so doing, be signing to accept that their behaviour will be decorous, there will be no applauding one councillor of sneering at another and that they will not call out. there should be a dfiite time limit observed for question time



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

William Smith

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Northampton (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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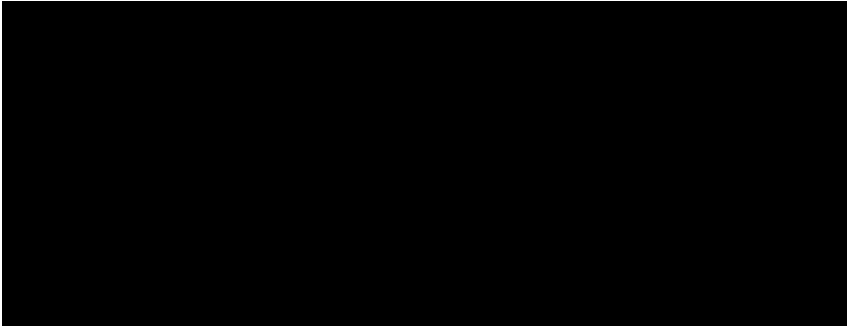
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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Ronald Mitchell

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Gosnells (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Unsupportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Only Country Councils or if Metro Councils require important majority vote
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
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Question time and Submission time should be looked at closely as they are too easily used for political purposes, specially around State Govt and Local Govt election times, by candidates and/or their supporters. Restrictions on number of and repeated questions should be supported.



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Rachael

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Prefer not to say**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Unsure**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Unsupportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

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Council meetings

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I think Councils should have the freedom to live stream meetings if they choose to, I do not believe this should be forced upon all councils



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Q4 What is your name?

Gerry

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **East Pilbara (Shire)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Technology has progressed so much
teleconference

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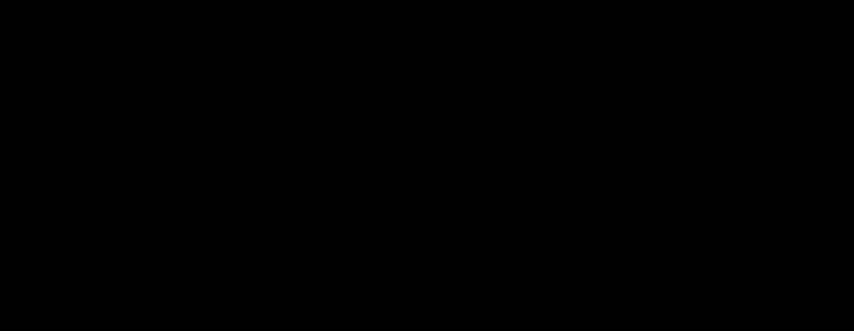
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Declared interests need to be addressed and more defined - remote councils who sit on sporting committees or everyone has interests in a big miner ?. It's ridiculous having to get dispensations because you work at a minor level for a company and your position as an employee would make no impact



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Q4 What is your name?

Lynette Baker

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Corrigin (Shire)**

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If yes, how?:
Only in extenuating circumstances eg illness, or if living more than 150km from Council office. Limited number, maybe 2 per annum.

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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

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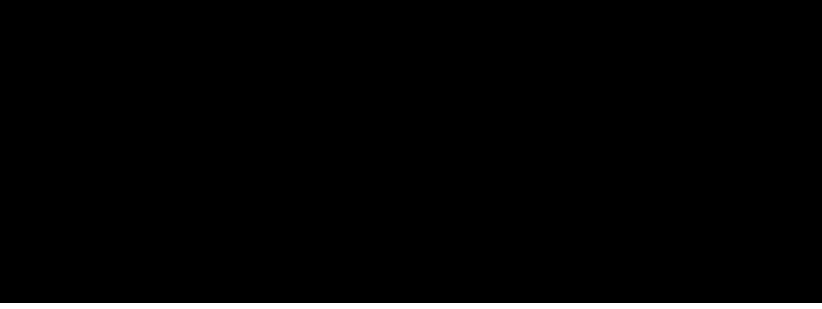
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Q4 What is your name?

Steve Wolff

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Belmont (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Video links, or using video communication apps on smart phones.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Unsure
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Although I'd like to see live streaming of council meetings, I believe councillors and officers need some protection (like parliamentary privilege) against civil or criminal liability for things they say in the chamber.



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Q4 What is your name?

Michael Dowey

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

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The meetings are too full to the extent they are mostly meaningless rubber stamps.



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Q4 What is your name?

Nicky Dangar

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

the Mayor has continued to ban clapping in our council meetings yet enjoyed the clapping in the same venue when he was sworn in the principle is that he is to maintain order but order is not lost when people can express appreciation for the other electors opinion.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **No**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

felix rosario

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Melville (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Unsupportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Not encouraged, but Skype etc
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very unsupportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very unsupportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

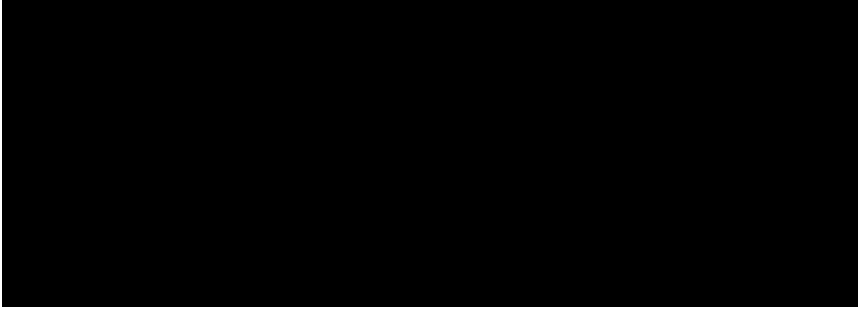
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very unsupportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

anthony bright

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **76+**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Esperance (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Unsupportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Neutral**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

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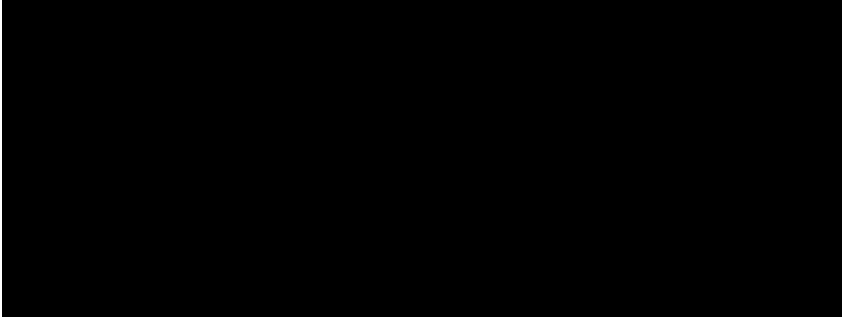
"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

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While the advice of the Executive Staff should be taken into account before a Council makes its final decision on an issue, it must be the final responsibility of each Councillor to arrive at their own conclusion and vote according to their resolve. It is not correct or productive for Councillors to refer to the CEO as the primary reference point for any course of action if they cannot honestly consider the matter and all its ramifications beforehand.

Similarly the CEO should not attempt to influence Councillors either individually or as a group as to the process by which they arrive at their final resolve.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Cherie Delmage

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mingenew (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Council meetings

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Telephone or video conference
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Unsure
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Rachael

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Neutral
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Neutral
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Genevieve Hunter

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Council meetings

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Unsupportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Participation via video link (or similar). Requests to participate remotely should not be dependent wholly on location.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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Council meetings

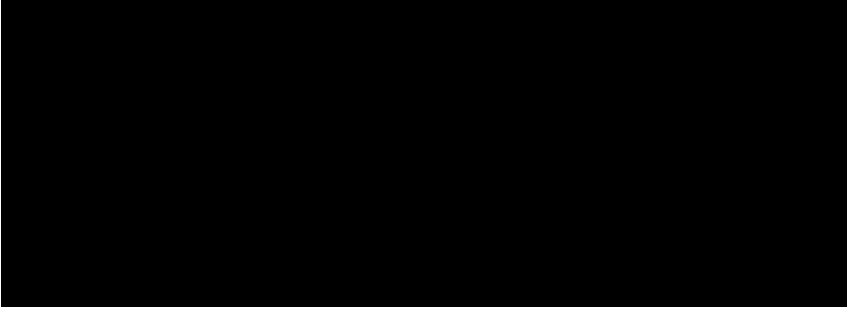
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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
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Page 10: Other comments

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Special Electors and General Electors Meetings are a waste of local government time and resources as few people attend and are usually hi-jacked by a small number of people with specific agendas.



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

David Trevaskis

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Moora (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Phone or video link up
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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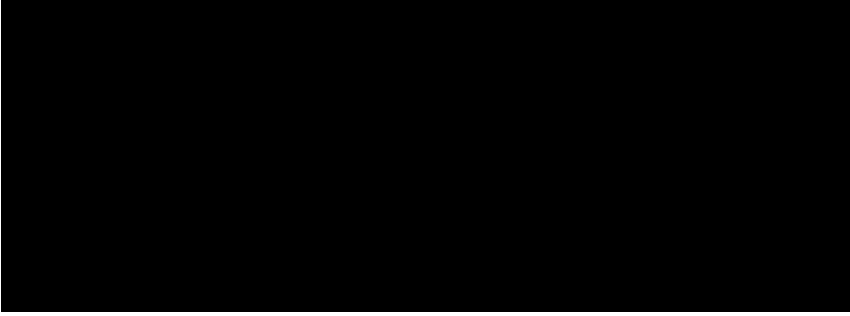
Council meetings

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"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Claire Schiller

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Augusta Margaret River (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed." **Very supportive**

"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed." **Neutral**

"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted." **Supportive**

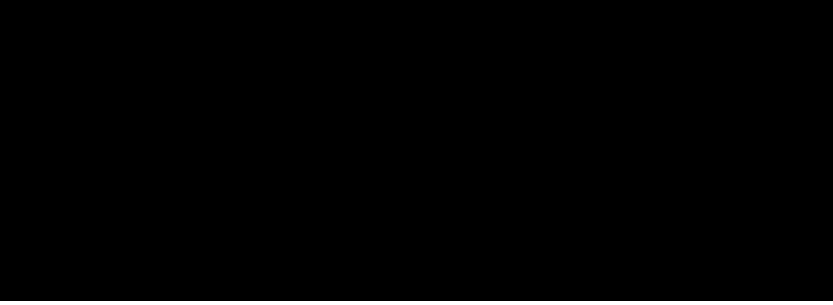
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased." **Neutral**

"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings." **Neutral**

"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments." **Supportive**

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Ken Mills

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Esperance (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?

Yes,
If yes, how?:
Participation should be by videoconference, as it needs to be clear that the person involved is in fact the Councillor, and that others are not present where confidential matters are discussed. As a regular chair of meetings with remote involvement, it is unfortunately often the case that the connection is poor rendering the participation ineffective. Reliable and robust technology (which is expensive) is essential for this strategy to work.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?

No

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?

No

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Unsupportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

It should be essential for meetings of Councils and Committees (including public briefing sessions) to be recorded. The scant nature of formal minutes means that there is no record of what actually occurred or was said during the course of the meeting. This is a major problem where an aspect of the meeting subsequently becomes the subject of a complaint and there is no conclusive evidence to facilitate its resolution.

Electors meetings are largely a waste of time, serving locally to provide a venue for abuse of Council by attendees who are either aggrieved at decisions or who are pursuing personal agendas.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Kellerberrin

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Shire of Kellerberrin

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Kellerberrin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Neutral**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Video conferencing

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

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Council meetings

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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Sabrina Klinger

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cambridge (Town)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Neutral**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Video conferencing via live streaming

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Neutral**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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The community should have more opportunities to participate and raise questions at council meetings. Question time should be increased and community members should have the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification during council meetings. Councils are answerable to the community and all their decisions need to pass the "community pub test". If the LG hides away from being scrutinised by the community in their decision-making they do not act in the best interest of the community.



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Q4 What is your name?

Gary Tuffin

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **East Fremantle (Town)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
As per currently allowed (Reg 14A), however, may be provide a little more flexibility in relation to being an approved location and required distance. This would possibly cater for elected members that are required to undertake travel (inter-state etc) for their employment.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

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Council meetings

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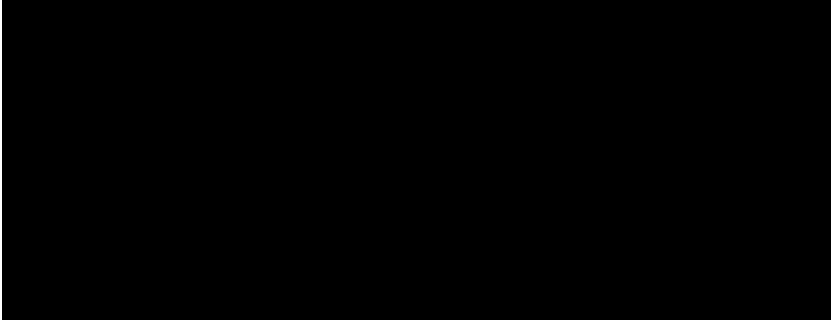
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Q4 What is your name?

robert coales

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Serpentine-Jarrahdale (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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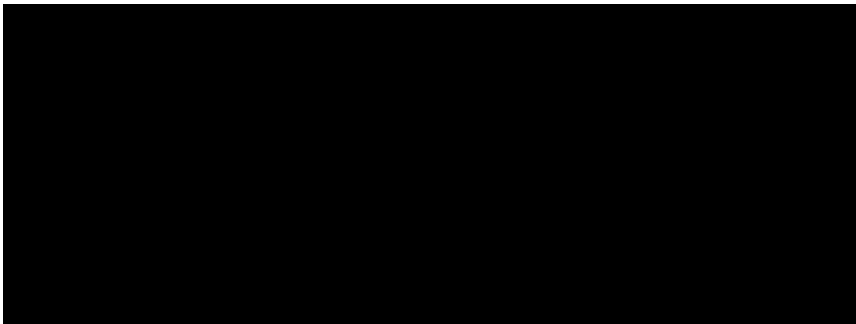
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There needs to be consistency with each LG and council meetings, WALGA should regularly attend OCMs and provide feedback.



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

William Muir

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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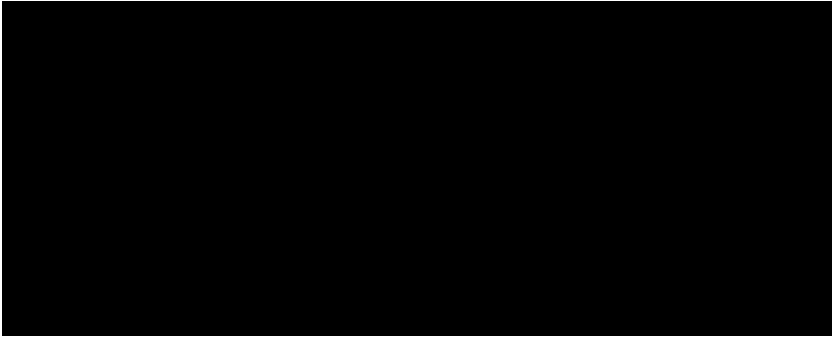
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Q4 What is your name?

Richard Foster

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Belmont (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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If yes, how?:
 Before councillors were paid for attending council meetings i would have said yes.. now with councillors being paid, NO..unless the circumstances fit certain rules..ie on a holiday is not a reason to participate in meeting remotely.

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No

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Yes

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Council meetings

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Shire of Plantagenet

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Q4 What is your name?

Robert Stewart

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Plantagenet (Shire)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
The present requirements and controls are adequate.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

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Council meetings are a tremendous avenue for displaying a council's professionalism and understanding of their community if handled well.



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Shire of Chapman Valley

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Shire of Chapman Valley

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Chapman Valley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

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Q15 - At Council discretion for live streaming. Not compulsory.

Q15 - Publication of unconfirmed minutes to be Shire Website only



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Roy McClymont

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

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Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Meekatharra (Shire)**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
By phone or video conferencing or any means that provide for reliable simultaneous and real time audio communication with the meeting. President/Mayor can approve the arrangement (not absolute majority of Council). Remove requirement for the person to be in a townsite of other residential area; the person can be anywhere on earth.

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Page 4: About you

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Aaron

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Serpentine-Jarrahdale (Shire)**

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Nil



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Henry Stawarz

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cambridge (Town)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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If yes, how?:
only under exceptional circumstances - by eg skype - and not as a matter of course.

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Apart from question time, electors should be afforded the opportunity to participate in debate with councillors and specialists (eg in a workshop or special forum) on key issues which affect the whole community eg a new Local Planning Strategy.



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Councillor Tilbury

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Chittering (Shire)**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Unsupportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Q4 What is your name?

Councillor Osborn

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Chittering (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

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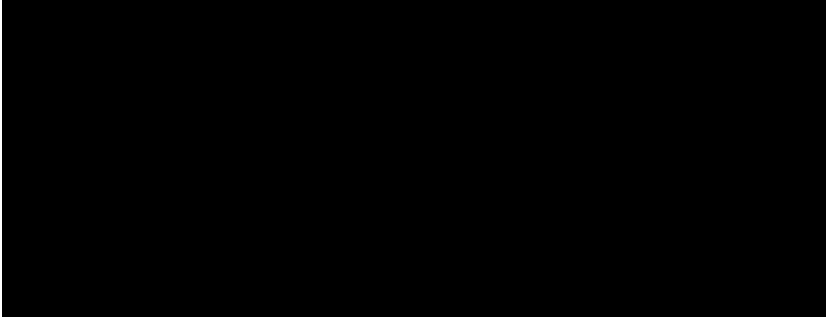
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Q4 What is your name?

Councillor Ross

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Chittering (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
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Council meetings

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Councillor King

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Chittering (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Neutral
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very unsupportive

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Merredin

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Q4 What is your name?

Shire of Merredin

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Merredin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Neutral**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Neutral**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Neutral**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Neutral**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

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Council meetings

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"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Shire of Bruce Rock

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Q4 What is your name?

Shire of Bruce Rock

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bruce Rock (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Unsupportive**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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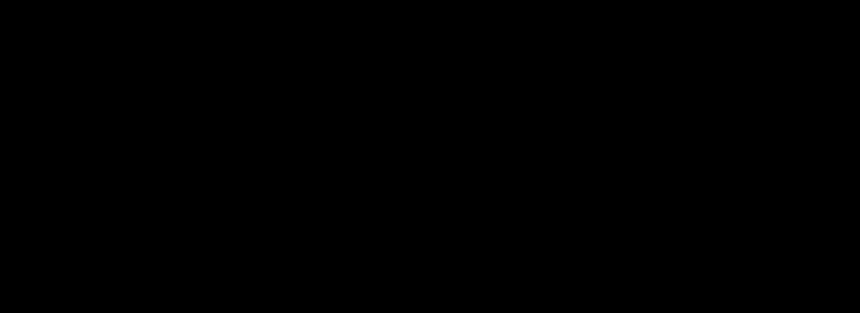
Council meetings

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"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Sally Kenton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Online conference calling.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Unsure
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Unsupportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
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Council meetings

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Ours at Joondalup have improved enormously regarding tone and professionalism. I don't think you can legislate for improvement, it comes down to the presiding member knowing how to progress meeting procedure without alienating those who feel the need to "get it off their chest". Often being able to do just that satisfies the "recalcitrant".



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Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Maurice Battilana

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Chapman Valley (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Council meetings

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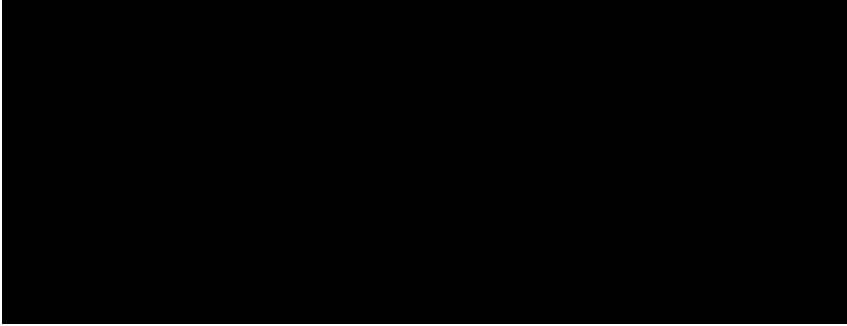
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- It should be left to the individual LGA's discretion to determine if a % or number threshold be set to hold a Special Meeting. Legislated thresholds reflects one size fits all, which is not the case due to the diverse nature of LGA's across the State.

- Annual Financial Returns (Elected Members and Staff) - A simple one page "No change to Previous Return" be introduced, rather than having to compile the whole Return documentation annually.



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Q4 What is your name?

Dave Blackburn

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Neutral**

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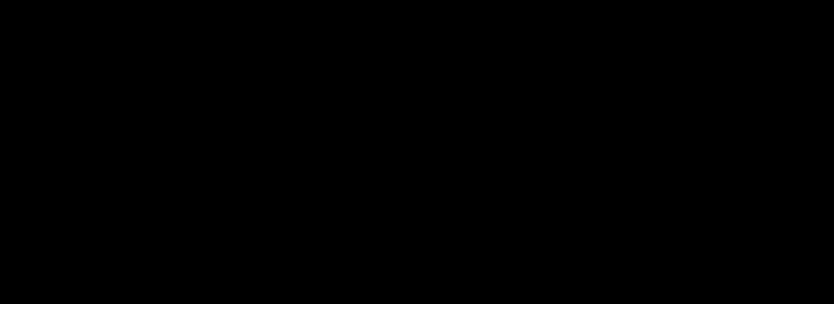
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Resident interaction should be encouraged not restricted. Question time and Statement time are very important for residents to interact with council. A healthy interaction is better than severe limitations.



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Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Liz Guidera

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Katanning (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Teleconference
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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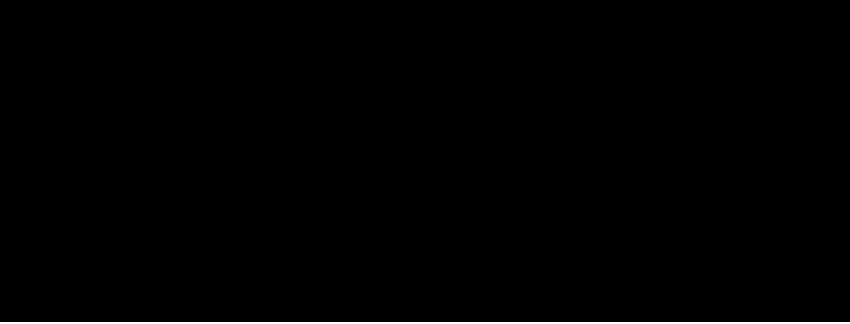
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Whilst I understand why some Councils/Councillors want to do away with Annual Electors meetings. I think they are useful and allow another avenue for communication with our community. People who are interested in Local Government often attend to ask particular questions. This forum can be quite productive. It is also a forum where, if there is a contentious issue, the community can attend in number to demonstrate that - its an important tool in maintaining open and accountable Local Govt.



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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Katherine

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Neutral**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Neutral**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very unsupportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

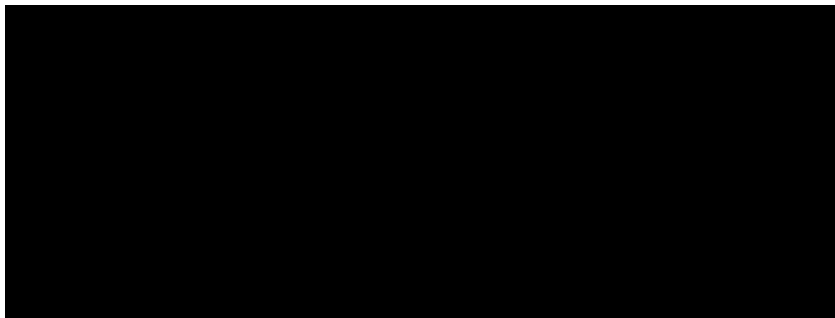
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

I feel a CEO should be accountable. His term in office should be on tenure for 12 months. He should be upstanding and not corrupt. His role is to oversee the workers, not to influence or bully Councillors. Claims of bullying and harassment should be escalated above the CEO to a neutral body to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all Councillors and ratepayers



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Craig Ashworth

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: VC and live stream
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

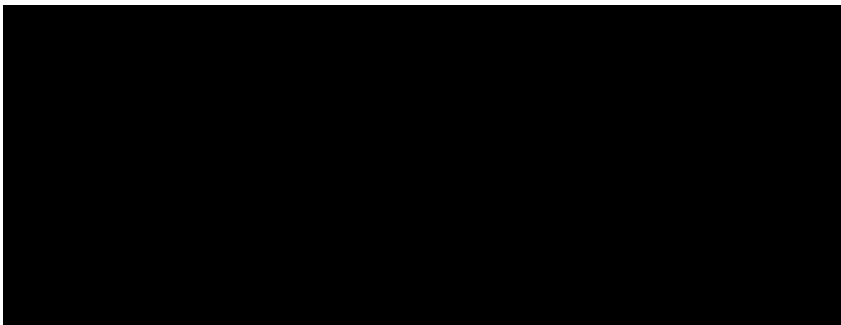
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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Neutral
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Council meetings need to be more inclusive and there should be less delegation to the CEO and Officers by the presiding member.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Leanne Chaproniere

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Video conferencing is a normal part of business and should be able to be used

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Neutral**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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Council meetings

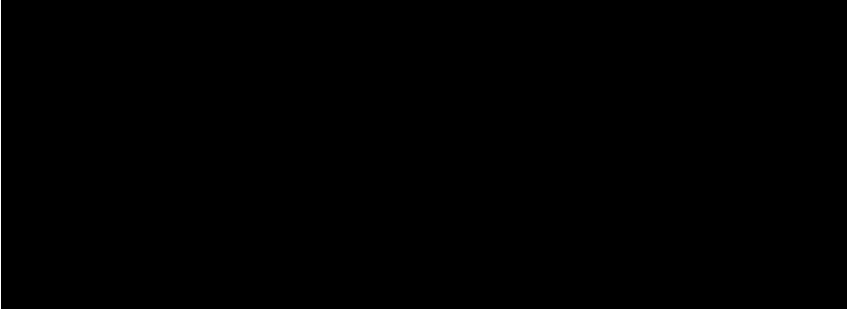
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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

All council meetings should be open to the public especially briefing meetings. Ratepayers should have the right to question officers during briefing meetings



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Alan Perkins

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Belmont (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
By electronic means using appropriate audio/visual conferencing software

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

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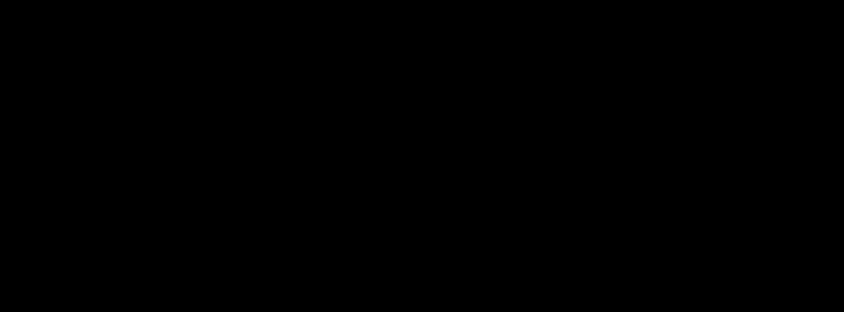
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Residents and ratepayers should continue to be able to have input to council through questions at OCM and Annual Elector's meeting. These could be expanded to allow for electronic participation.



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Karen Chappel

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Morawa (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
By skype or telephone but only if they are 150kms away from the designated meeting place.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Unsupportive**

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Armadale

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Rebecca

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Armadale (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Neutral**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

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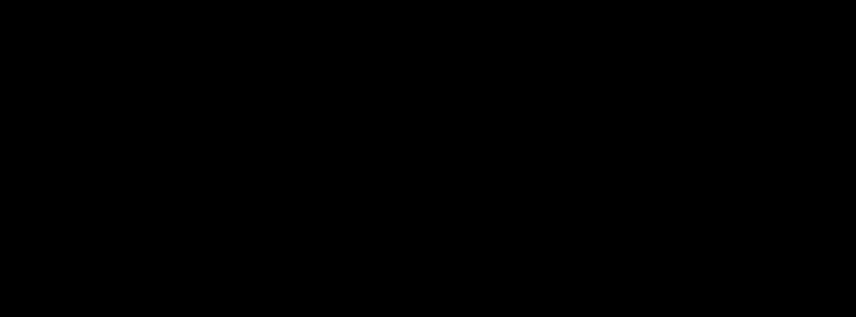
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

Page 10: Other comments

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Wanneroo

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

City of Wanneroo

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Wanneroo (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Skype, Video Link, providing appropriate resources are available

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Unsure**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Unsure**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Neutral**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Neutral**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Neutral**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Neutral**

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
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Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Collie

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

David Blurton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Collie (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Unsure**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Unsure**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Neutral**

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Council meetings

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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Helen Leeder

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Subiaco (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: I'm unsure how, but the option should be available for councils and shires covering large areas.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
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"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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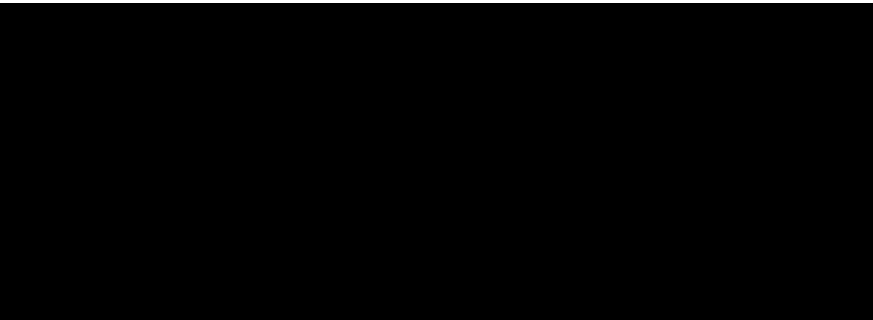
Council meetings

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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Christine Cunningham

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Canning (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Whatever agreed technology is decided upon

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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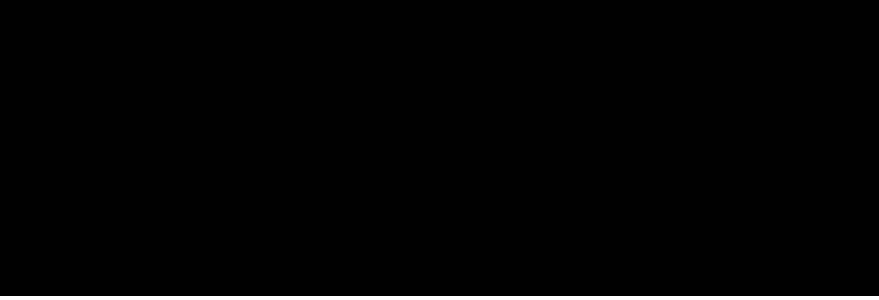
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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

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Let the Presiding Member pass it over to the Deputy Mayor or other councillors even if they are still present.



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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Terresa Lynes

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Gosnells (City)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very unsupportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

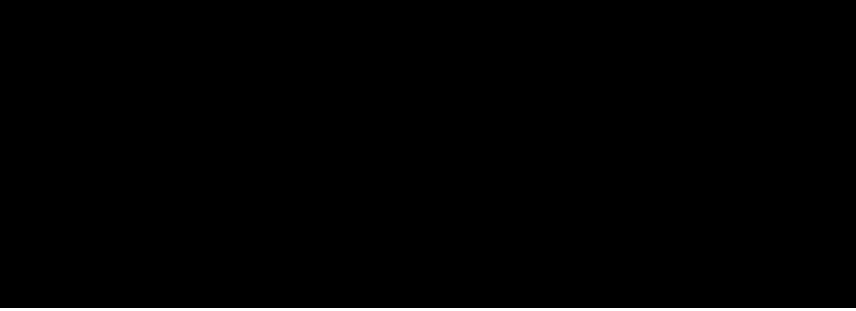
Council meetings

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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Mundaring

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Q4 What is your name?

Shire of Mundaring

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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Council meetings

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"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Use of technology

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

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Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

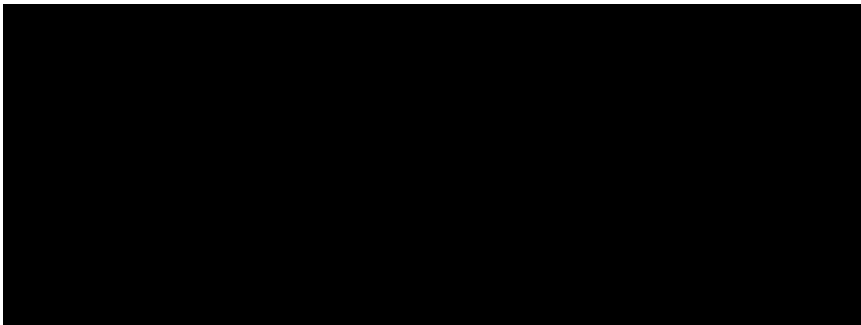
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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Annual Elector's Meeting (AEM) should not be a requirement & local governments can hold if they see fit.



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Eigil Nielsen

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Melville (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Unsure**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

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"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very unsupportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very unsupportive**

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Council meetings

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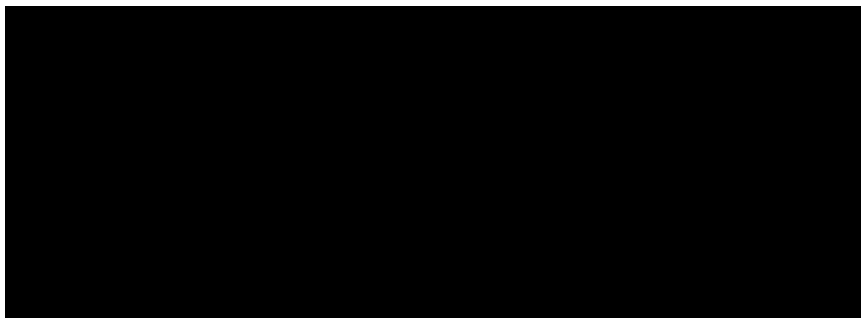
Page 10: Other comments

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I assume it is already well known but I will mention it anyway. In the City of Melville when dealing with questions at question time in majority of cases questions remain unanswered and the City's responses equates to nothing other than obfuscation, manipulation of facts and even lies. The sole reason why the volume of return questions on the same subjects occurs. Something that would have been resolved first time around if due diligence and good governance had been employed.

It has been confirmed to be by the CEO that it is the City's Governance Team (officer) that provides the responses for the Mayor to read out. The CEO has refused to provide me with the names of who is doing it and the Mayor sadly fails every time to consider if the responses have any merit, in fact on asking the Mayor on what checks and balances the Elected Members have in relation to this the Mayor's response was ' I trust the officers'.

Until due diligence has returned any attempt to fiddle around the edges (LG Act Review) is not going to fix the problem.



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Q4 What is your name?

Suzie Haslehurst

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **York (Shire)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Via teleconference, video conference or using software such as "go to meeting" if available.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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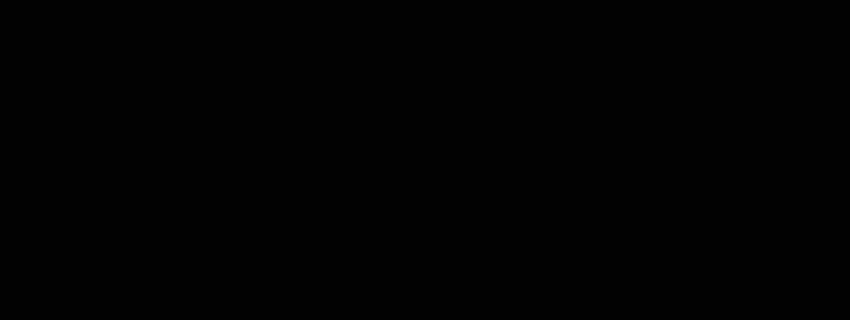
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Need to ensure that any changes take into account the limitations of small, regional and remote local governments. Do not support Public Statement time being introduced unless very well structured by legislation. Otherwise Council meetings could be derailed and not achieve the decision-making objectives.



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Q4 What is your name?

Tom Burbidge

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
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"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: use current electronic technology, improve as technology advances.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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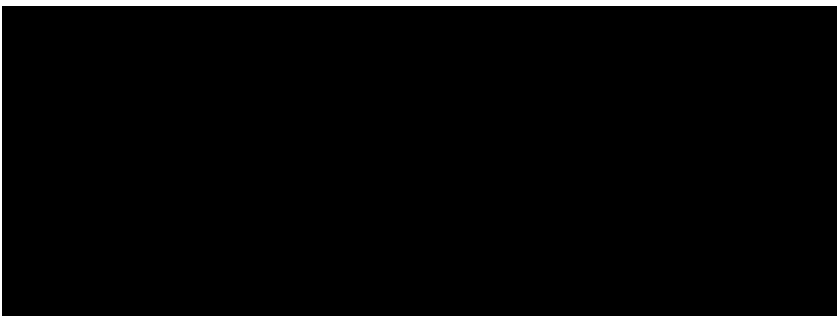
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The opportunity to ask hard questions only exists at the Annual Electors Meeting. If anything there should be four Electors Meetings a year. This would be an attempt to balance the power struggle between a combined LG/Council and the Ratepayers who fund LG. It is not true to say elected Councilors represent the community due to the very low voter turnout, and the severe LG Restrictions councilors must abide by.



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Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Simon Wheeler

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Stirling (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: video-link
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Increasing the number of signatures to 500 must not be supported.

Some issues affect very small groups, small groups have far less 'punch' when dealing with Council in general.

An example is best, I was part of a group of owners of just 8 properties affected significantly by a non conforming JDAP development, unsatisfied with answers from Council and Councillors and especially the Planning department I decided to call a SME to push the matter further.

I had to round up 3 or 4 other groups with similar planning issues to gather even the 100 signatures required.

500 signatures would have been either impossible, or would have required some creative fishing for essentially junk signatures.

As a result of the SME the City of Stirling launched an independent review into its planning processes, the review whilst ultimately flawed, the City subsequently ignoring adverse findings, regardless, ALL sides would agree that the review and subsequent further outside consultation was a fruitful exercise.

These changes would not have occurred without the SME, the SME would not have occurred in a proper manner had the requirement been 500 signatures.

In a perfect world SME's would be redundant however I can attest that it is sometimes the only way to get legitimate concerns taken seriously.

Regular Council meetings and question time are NOT a replacement for SME's I can document if required the six months it took me to get an answer to a question answered via regular Council question time, an answer that was known from day one, an answer that required me to have printed and displayed in Council a 3Mx1.5M canvas photograph of a wall that Council repeatedly told me did not exist (the Mayor at that meeting agreed that the wall existed even though the Planning department would not)

There are bigger problems with Question time at Stirling, one is not allowed to ask a question of an Elected Member even through the chair, ALL questions are answered via one Administrative Directorate or the other, this is not the case in say Cambridge where EM's can answer directly, I think this at least should be standardised in the affirmative for allowing EM's to answer questions through the chair.

Any questions starting with 'Does Council...' may as well end there because Council does not respond, the various directorates do and even answers taken on notice when finally answered betray no input from Councillors, only Council.

Answers from the Directorates, when pushed for an actual answer (again in Stirling) regularly insult the intelligence of both the questioner and Council itself, and are sometimes 'terminological inexactitudes', the only recourse to such a case is via the CEO which, again in Stirling, will not bear fruit.

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Electors Meetings and SME's are also vitally important for those wishing to raise electors motions.

Electors Motions are vital especially in Councils where some elected members are 'scared' to put up motions that might have them end up before a Standards Panel, or simply be ousted from the cliques that the panel will know exist within some Councils.

I understand that the 100 signature rule could be abused, however the only Council I know of that 'suffers' such meetings on a regular basis is Melville where 500 signatures would make little or no difference.

Ensuring a SME for the same issues could be called only once a year seems sufficient. (and I was under the impression that such was the case already)



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Nathan Russell

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Subiaco (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

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Page 6: Public question time

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"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

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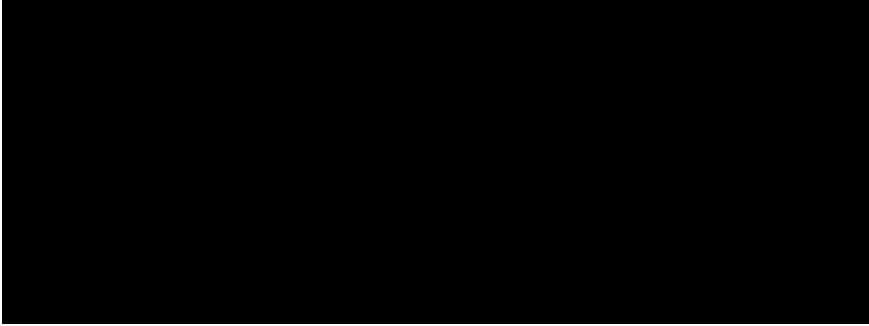
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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
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Electors meetings are very important and should not be removed completely. However, they have begun to degenerate to a excuse to vilify and abuse Councillors and Staff. Controls need to be put in place to determine how these meetings are conducted and this should be uniform across the state. Poor behaviour at the meeting should be punishable by a prohibitions from attending any Council meeting for a period of time.



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Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Giorgia Johnson

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Neutral

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Unsure**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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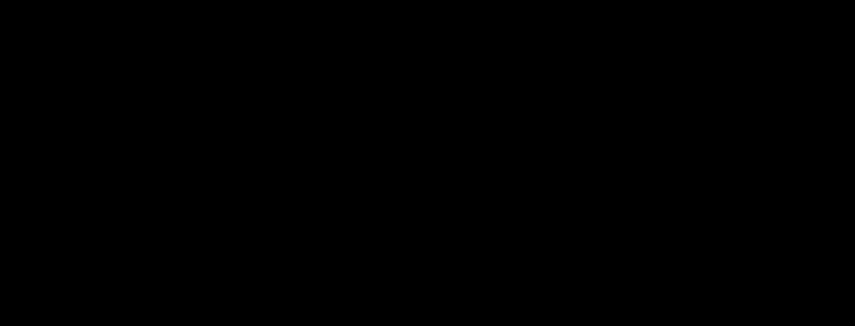
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Annual electors meetings are the communities only opportunity to directly put any issue to council, although the way they are held and when they are held can be a really interesting opportunity to engage with the local community and should be left to each LG to determine.



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Busselton

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City of Busselton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Busselton (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Unsure**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

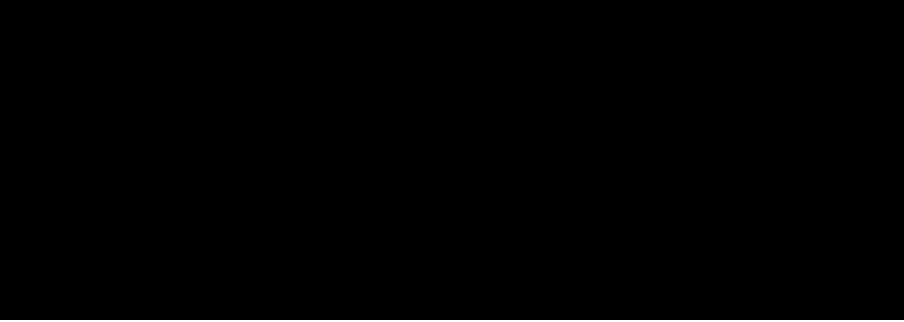
"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

More guidelines generally around conflicts of interest would be of benefit, for example guidelines which guide people in relation to:

- impartiality interests and encourage disclosure
- interests in common and what a significant number of ratepayers is – if there are standard or known interests in common then these could be documented.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Swan

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

City of Swan

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Unsure**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

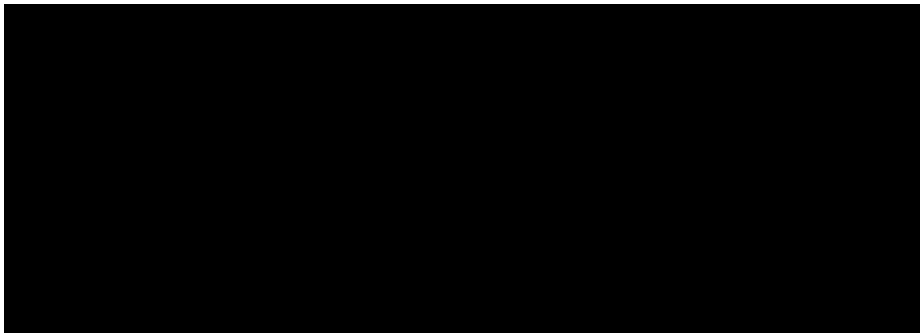
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
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Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Vanessa

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **19 - 35**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Cockburn (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Unsure**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

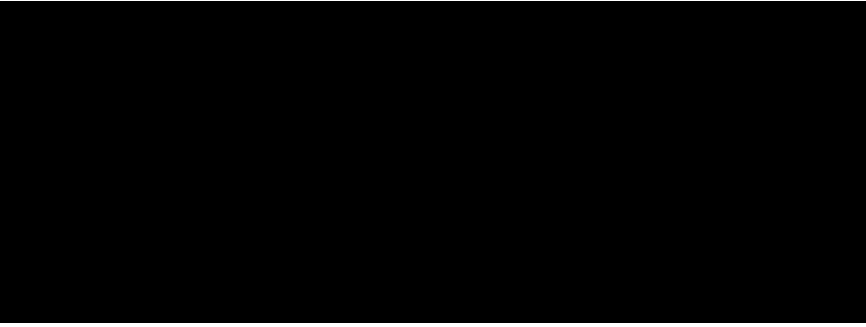
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Neutral
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

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Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Lake Grace

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Denise Gobbart

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Lake Grace (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Unsupportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Video Conferencing &
Teleconferencing

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Unsure**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

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"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Unsupportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

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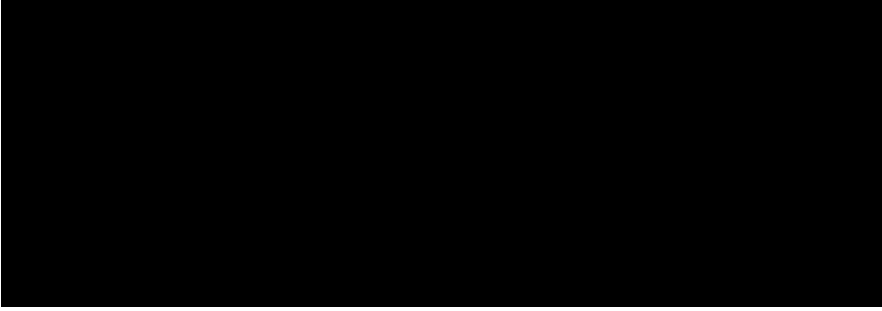
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"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Unsupportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Live streaming of Council meetings should be at the discretion of the Council as it is likely in some rural and remote districts that the internet speeds do not make the concept practical.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Andrew Brien

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Neutral
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?

Yes,
If yes, how?:
With the increase in use of technology, members should be able to participate via either phone or video link, subject to appropriate technology being available in the Chamber. This should be limited in the same way it is now with specific requirements on distance and location included, however should be expanded to anywhere within Australia rather than just Western Australia.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?

Yes

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?

Yes

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

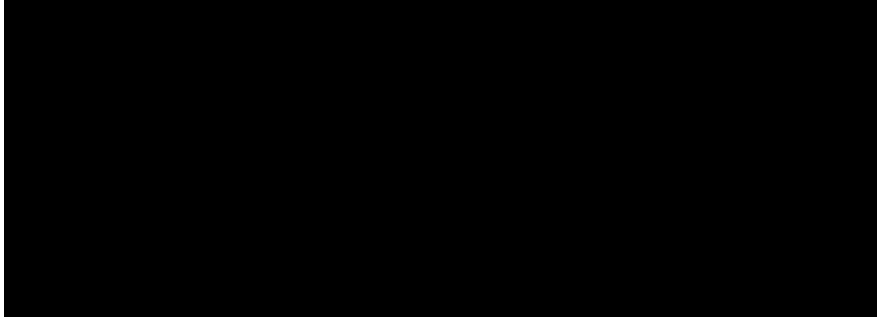
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

The current requirement for a local government to adopt Standing Orders as a Local Law is a substantially drawn out process which adds little value in the conduct of meetings. A preferred approach would be for the State Government to prepare a model policy for Standing Orders which would set the minimum standards for the conduct of Council and Committee Meetings. Local Governments could either adopt the model policy or add to it to deal with their own specific circumstances (subject to not removing the model rules) and then have this in place. In the event that there was a need for changes then the matter would be one for the local government alone to make without the need for going through the entire local law making process again. There would also be a need for public consultation for a period of say 21 days before adopting or amending the policy.



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Central Country Zone

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Central Country Zone

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Peak body**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Unsupportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Video conferencing, teleconferencing

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Unsupportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

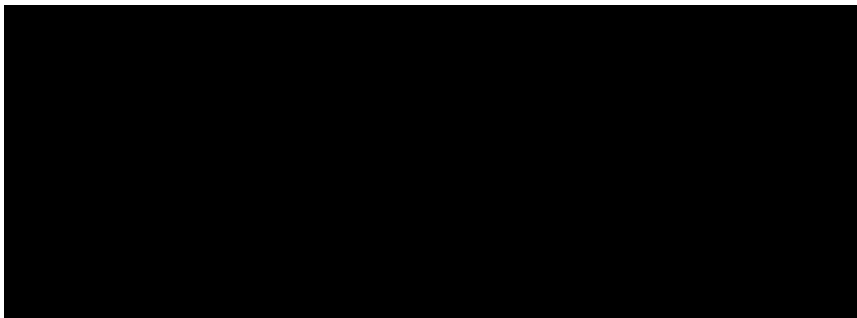
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Unsupportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Mandurah

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Sophie Luxton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mandurah (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Neutral**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Council members should be able to participate in meetings remotely however there needs to be rules established i.e. the number of meetings able to be attended remotely, total number of member attending remotely per meeting, whether the Chair is able to attend remotely. The Regulations should be amended to allow attendance if interstate (remove geographical limitations).

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Perth

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Kathleen O'Brien

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Perth (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Both telephone or video conferencing are appropriate. Limitations should be in place to ensure the secrecy of voting on matters such as Deputy Mayoral elections.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Unsure**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Neutral**

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed." **Unsupportive**

"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed." **Unsupportive**

"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted." **Supportive**

"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased." **Supportive**

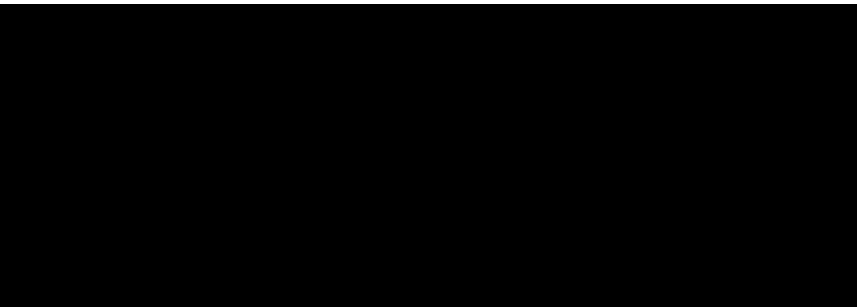
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings." **Supportive**

"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments." **Supportive**

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

See City of Perth Submission sent on 27/03/19.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

WRB Hassell

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Nedlands (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very unsupportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Neutral
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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Council meetings

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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Kalamunda

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

City of Kalamunda

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Kalamunda (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Only if undertaking is provided by the Councillor that has no ability to make meeting. Skype or similar technological formats.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

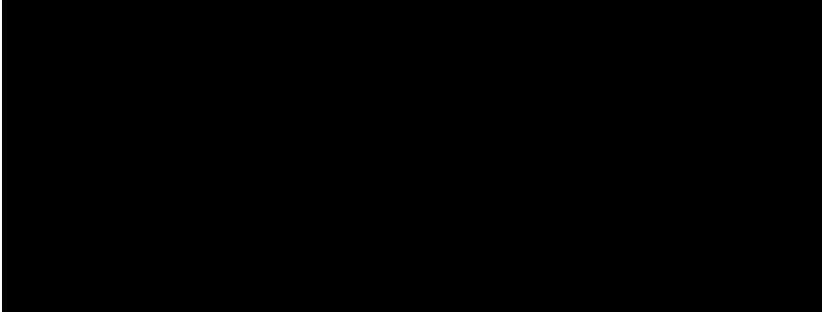
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Page 10: Other comments

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Declarations of interest are too vague. Responsibility is always on the Councillor to make a judgement call rather than using clearly defined regulation. Perception that your decision to declare can often be interpreted to be not willing to vote on an item.



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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Dan Bull

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

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Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

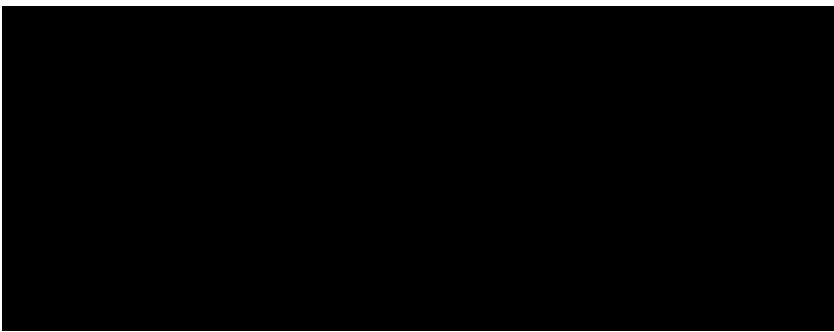
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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Northam & Districts Community Voice

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Brian Daniels

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Northam (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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Council meetings

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Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

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"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Unsupportive**

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Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

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As discussed the Public Question Time should be expanded. In the Shire of Northam we are allowed to ask one series of questions at one time and there no opportunity for debate or rebuttal. Invariably the Council does not answer the question because they do not understand it or they ar told be the CEO not too.



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Kwinana

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

City of Kwinana

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Kwinana (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

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Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
If there are facilities available to allow the Elected Member to view the Chambers and for the Chambers to view the Elected Member. For example, Skype. There should be some parameters around when an Elected Member can participate remotely, such as, when ill, when attending a conference or training course, or when travelling and they are a certain distance away from the meeting location.

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Council meetings

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"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
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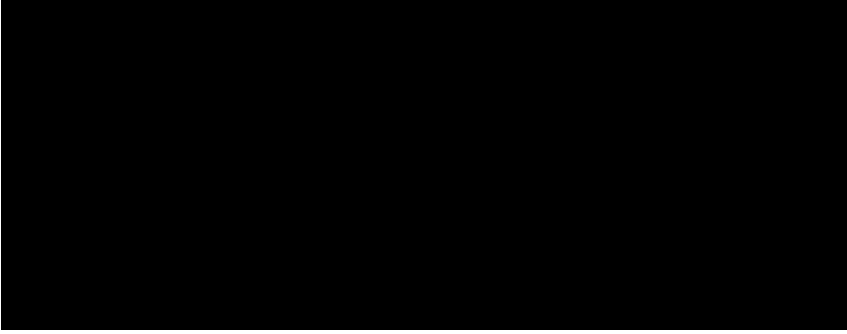
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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Dr Kaj NIEUKERKE

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Esperance (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

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Q14 is INCORRECT. It is either combined, consecutively (e.g.subsequent to). The multiple choice answers don't provide suitable options (e.g. YES/NO does not apply!!). In my opinion they should be held separately.

Q16. There should be no rule that prevents Council from revoking or changing a WRONG decision. Legislation that does is plain stupid. The set of answers provided does not recognise this.



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Shire of Westonia

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Q4 What is your name?

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Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Westonia (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Video/telephone conferencing.
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Q4 What is your name?

Maria

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Port Hedland (Town)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

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If yes, how?:
Mobile, teleconference, video conferencing.

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Shire of Quairading

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Q4 What is your name?

Shire of Quairading

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Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Quairading (Shire)**

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Council meetings

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
But not for every meeting, Video conference or Teleconference.

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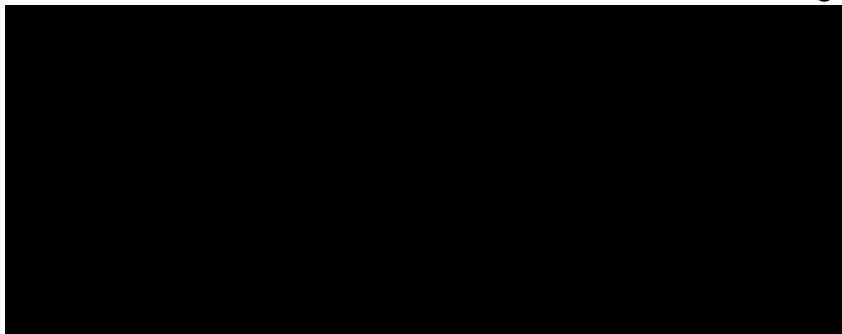
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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Steve Walker

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Prefer not to say**

Page 5: About you

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Council meetings

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If yes, how?:
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"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments." **Supportive**

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YES. IN THE DETAIL. For many elements.

Q. 14. General Electors Meetings be combined with with an Ordinary Council Meeting IN SOME LESS ATTENDANCE AREAS YES. (ie. several metro local governments where attendance has been low, AND for regional Western Australia local governments were the sheer size makes it difficult for more to attend.

Ok with live streaming, though more important to audio and video the monthly Ordinary Council Meeting, and have it placed online to view. The video to capture the body language and attentiveness of the Council Members and Executive Staff. Not 'the gallery'.

Problem with Perth metro is the varying size of local governments, and the varying attendance, and the varying 'reasonableness' of the persons engaging in types of meetings.

Worry too much power to wealthy protected self- interests.

Worry good ideas, get ignored, pushed to the side BECAUSE the person/s saying them DON'T have money/wealth/ power-brokers, Political parties and/or MPs helping them.

Disagree with public statement time.

Impartiality interest. I am leaning toward the Member not voting on it.

Must disclose interests.

Worry the revoke of decisions. There are some decisions that should be revoked, yet this new law would cement them in. Plus other decisions which should not, yet future allow be altered.

Removing large fines for public question time. Removing onerous conditions that make it near-impossible not to be interpreted as reflecting badly on a Current Member, past Member, current/or past Staff Members/Divisions. Of the local government. If they did wrong, it should be ok to say it.

Reform of monthly meetings AND Agenda papers.

Format of meetings.

No 'ye old' language/format in Contents page, and the items.

One OCM per month. Standard ACROSS All local governments, especially metro ones.

Note: There could be occasions where two might be needed for the month due to a large Agenda.

Also could be occasions where Agenda items so low and non-pressing there is no need for a OCM that month. If so, no OCM, push agenda items to next month. Saves Staff time, saves public monies as no sitting fees that month to Council Members. This can be applied in metro areas and regional WA areas.

Reduce 'Committee Meetings' if they are too many. Wasteful of funds.

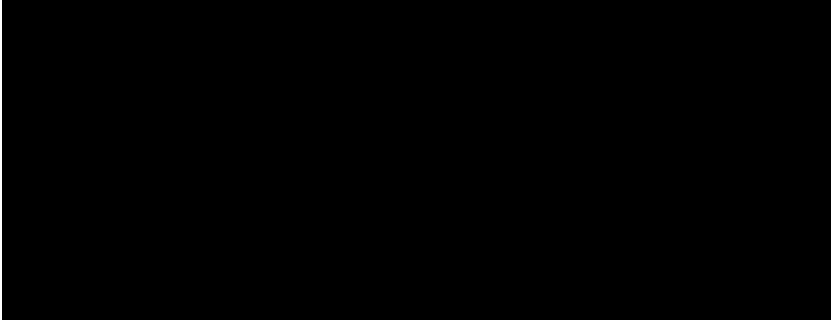
Reminder: That Ordinary Council Meetings are where the DECISIONS are made. Therefore anyone on the full council can participate.

One 'dinner' per month, prior or after the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Agenda Papers published three full weeks prior to Ordinary Council Meeting.

Less 'last minute' additions -Been a tactic overused to hide items.

Less 'confidential' items. State Minister/s (several) can overrule.



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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Cheryl Wee

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Canning (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Live Webinar, teleconference.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very unsupportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

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Council meetings

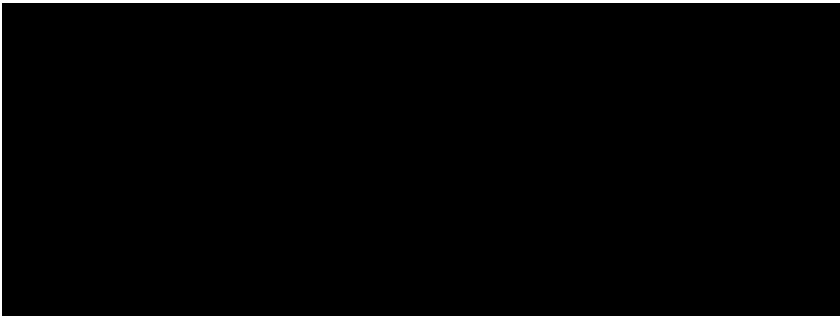
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

1. Petition process where a petition is voted for by Councillors and "received". Unknown to members of the public who may have put in an enormous amount of effort in gathering hundreds of signatures, if the petition is "received" it means nothing at all. There is no outcome such as a report or resolution. In my consideration it is a worthless process. There is not even any recognition of the petition being lodged...how is this supposed to bring about change? The petition should either be accepted or rejected, and if it accepted there should be some process to facilitate change.
 2. Moving a motion at an Elector's AGM: Regardless of a favourable vote the motion is then sent to Administration for their opinion. If Administration states that the motion is to be "noted", the motion does not get put forward for voting by Councillors at the next OCM. Another process that goes nowhere. Any motion carried at an AGM must be put to the vote by Councillors at the next OCM.
 3. At the last few OCM meetings speakers have been shouted down by the Mayor for having a preamble before the question. This is understandable if the preamble is too long. However a question has to have "some" level of preamble, why is this not allowed?
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Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bridgetown-Greenbushes (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Unsupportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Unsupportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

City of Karratha

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Henry Eaton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Karratha (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Unsupportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Neutral**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very unsupportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Video or Telephone conference, SKYPE, Collaborative interactive web solutions

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **No**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Unsupportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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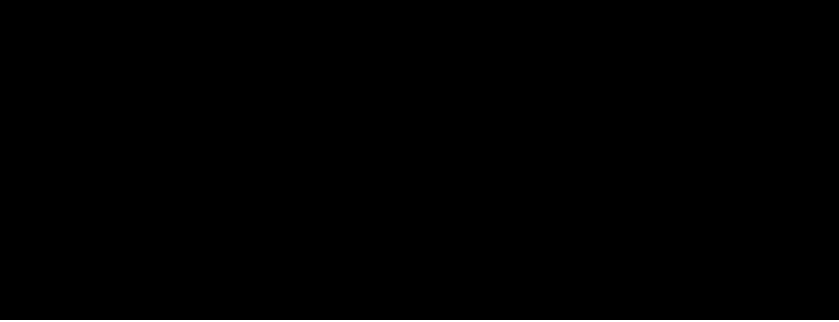
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Unsupportive

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **An organisation, including a Local Government, peak body or a business**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Gidgegannup Progress Association Inc.

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Sally Block

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Neutral**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **No**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Unsupportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Supportive**

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

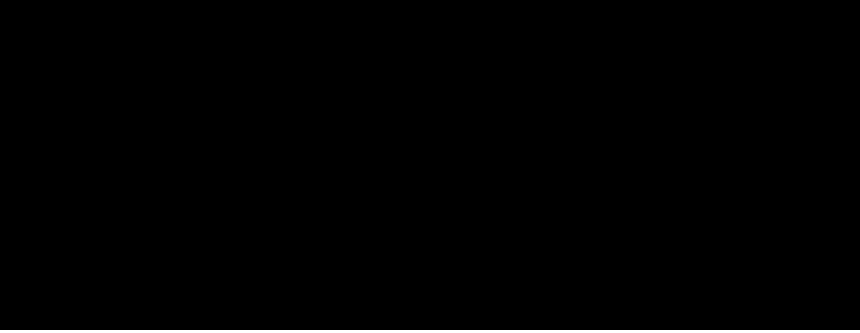
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Supportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Suzanne Thompson

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very supportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very supportive**

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Council meetings

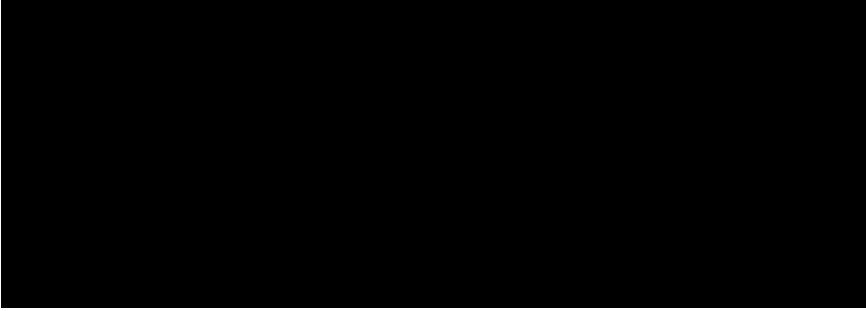
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Supportive

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Statement times should be mandatory with the right to vote for an extension of time being allowed within the policy.



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **No**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Dawn Vermeulen

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Skype?

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Unsure**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Neutral
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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Council meetings

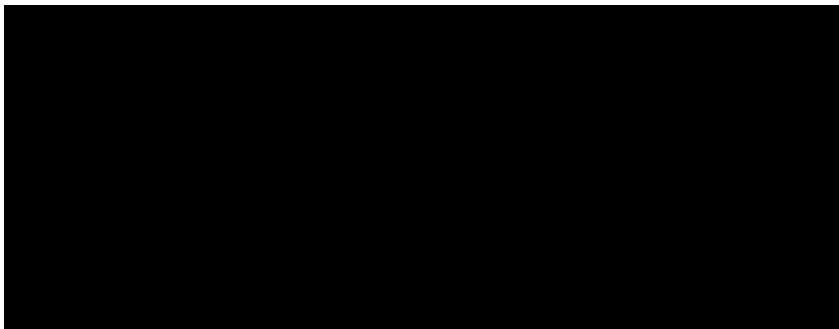
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.





Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Markus Alfred Enkler, E.E.E.T.

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Rockingham (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Via video link
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very supportive

Page 9: Annual electors meetings and special electors meetings

Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. **Respondent skipped this question**



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

DENNIS GRIMWOOD

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **76+**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Armadale (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	No, If yes, how?: body language is an important part of communication and politics
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very supportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Very unsupportive

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Councils may present to its Electors/Ratepayers as as demigods, aloof, with stifling officiousness, cynical, distant, them and us etc with seating and communication arrangements replicating a Court of Law. Councils are representatives of the people and are not separate to the people they serve. They need to learn to communicate as equals. When responding to public questions, lies, falsehood and deception should be made unlawful, with penalties for breaches. Councils should face their public audience and not have its back to them. The public should have an inalienable right to ask questions of specific Councillors - particularly where there is Ward representation because all Councillors vote on all issues presented for decision. Minutes of meetings MUST show who voted for and against each motion to ensure voters have an understanding of how their representative behave in the real world. A Hansard style transcript of all meetings is essential to prevent manipulation of facts and official records



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

suzanne Apps

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Joondalup (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Video conferencing or similar
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Unsure
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Neutral
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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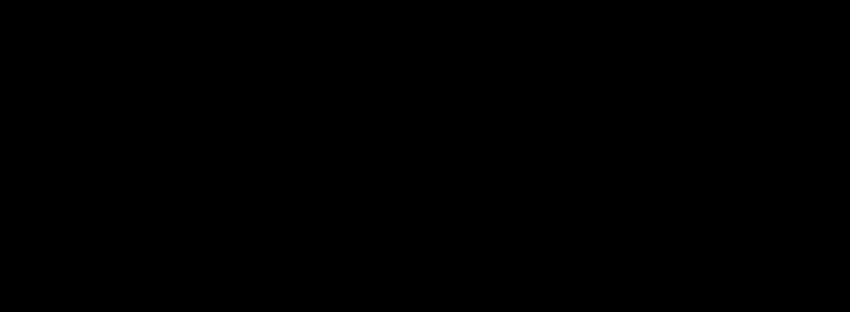
Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Very unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

Page 10: Other comments

Q18 Do you have any additional comments on the topic of council meetings? Additional information can also be provided to the review team via email at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Statements should be allowed before question time and if a question is not answered to the proponents satisfaction and following question should be allowed



Page 2: About you

Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Phillip Blight

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Wagin (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Neutral
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Via a recognised video portal
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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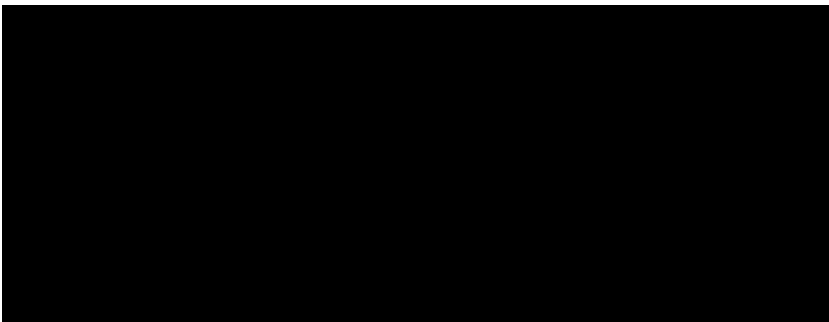
Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed."	Very supportive
"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Supportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Neutral
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Neutral

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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q4 What is your name?

Lorna Buchan

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Rockingham (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: video link
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Unsure
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Neutral
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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Council meetings

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"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed."	Unsupportive
"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Neutral
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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The Council if requesting questions to be in written form should record accurately what was asked. i.e. copy exactly what the resident asked as you have a copy in writing



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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

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Rashelle Predovnik

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

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"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Via skype if they are unable to physically attend a meeting.
Phone hook ups as well if that's easier.

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes." **Very supportive**

"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very unsupportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very unsupportive**

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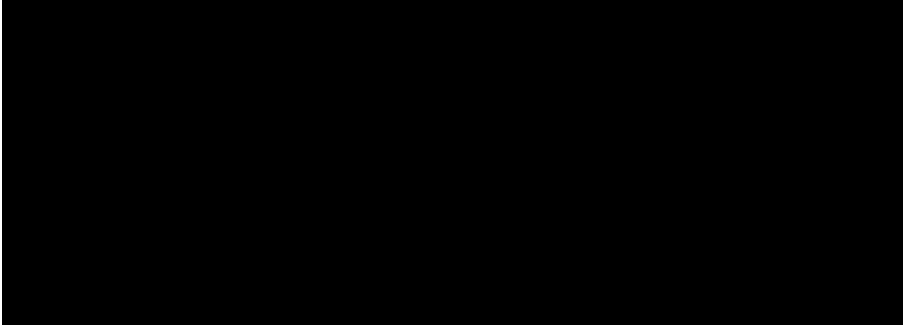
Council meetings

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"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted."	Very unsupportive
"The number of electors required to hold a special electors meeting should be increased."	Very unsupportive
"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Q4 What is your name?

Pamela Meehan

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Subiaco (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Very unsupportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

Page 7: Attendance at council meetings and access

Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: For regions that is a good idea. For metropolitan council members only in special circumstance.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	No
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Page 8: Council agendas and minutes

Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Very unsupportive
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Neutral

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Council meetings

Q17 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The requirement to hold an annual electors meeting should be removed." **Very unsupportive**

"The ability to call a special electors meeting should be removed." **Very unsupportive**

"The number of times that a special electors meeting can be called regarding the same matter should be restricted." **Unsupportive**

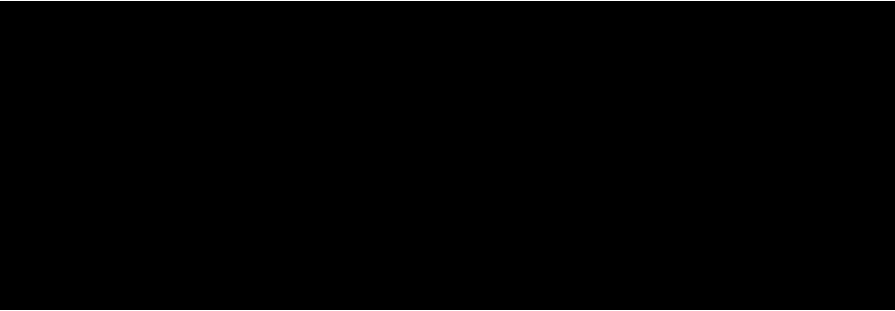
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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings." **Very unsupportive**

"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments." **Neutral**

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Pat Lowe

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **76+**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Broome (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Council meetings

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Very supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Very supportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Videoconferencing.
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	No
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Yes
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Q16 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"Legislation should set rules for recording confidential items in minutes."	Very supportive
"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting."	Very supportive
"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings."	Neutral
"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented."	Supportive

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Council meetings

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Councils should provide written justifications for holding meetings or part-meetings in camera. Citizens should be permitted to know what the outcomes of such meetings are, since we employ the councillors and pay the bills, so the reasons for withholding information should be made clear.



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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Beryl

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils." **Very supportive**

"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings." **Very supportive**

"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person." **Very supportive**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes,**
If yes, how?:
Skype or other electronic means in any secure environment

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **Yes**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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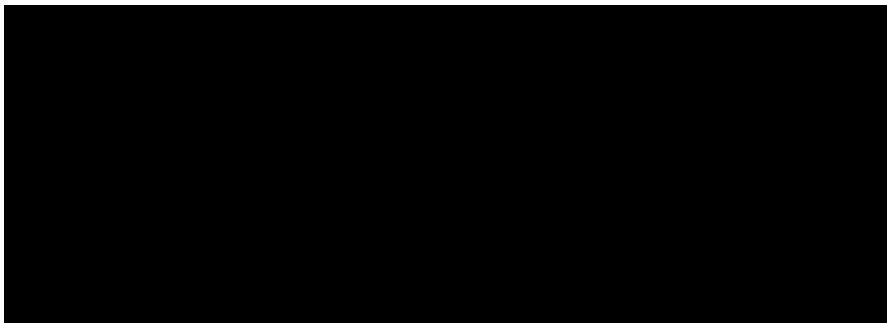
Council meetings

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"The local government's standing orders should apply to special electors meetings."	Supportive
"The way special electors meetings are conducted should be uniform between local governments."	Very supportive

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Stella

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Bayswater (City)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely? **Yes**

Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting? **No**

Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed? **Yes**

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"Local governments should be required to publish unconfirmed council meeting minutes prior to the local government's next council or committee meeting." **Very supportive**

"The CEO rather than the Presiding Member should be responsible for the minutes of council and committee meetings." **Very unsupportive**

"The rule concerning council's ability to revoke or change a decision should be amended to clarify that it only applies to decisions that are yet to be implemented." **Very unsupportive**

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Council meetings

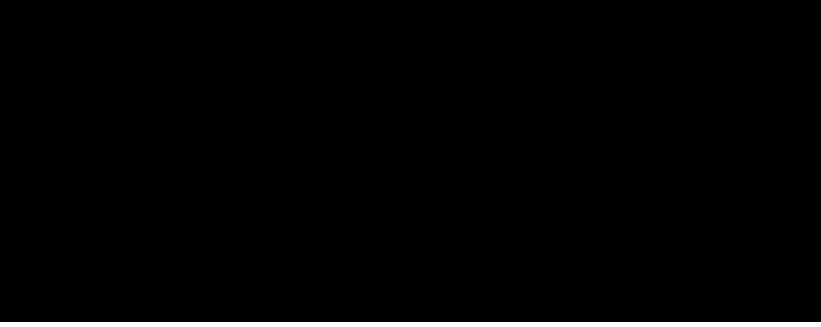
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If a decision made at Council is found to be mislead or incorrect information supplied by administrators, the decision should be revoked



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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

WEROC

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

WEROC

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Not listed**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

Council meetings

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Video/telephone conferencing
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Respondent skipped this question
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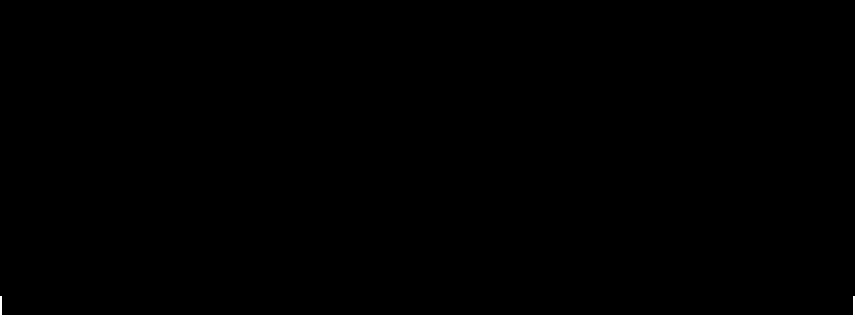
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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Jamie Criddle

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Westonia (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **No**

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	If yes, how?: Video/telephone conferencing.
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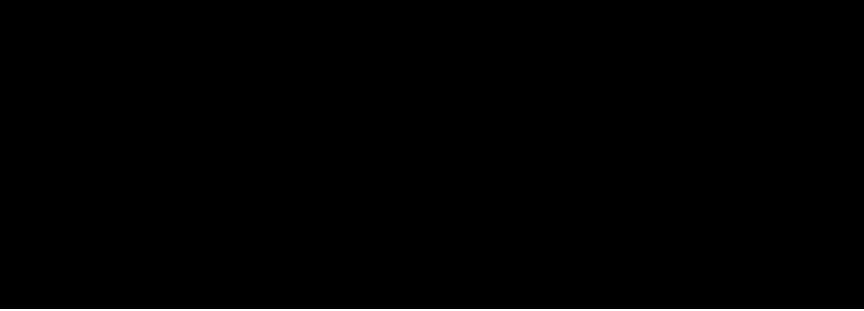
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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Carnarvon

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Q4 What is your name?

David Burton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Carnarvon (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Council meetings

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Public question time

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"The process for public question time should be consistent between councils."	Supportive
"Public question time is an important feature of council meetings."	Supportive
"People unhappy with the quality of the answer given at public question time should be able to escalate the matter to an independent person."	Unsupportive

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Q13 Should council members be able to participate in meetings remotely?	Yes, If yes, how?: Video conference
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Q14 Could General Electors Meetings be combined with or held consecutively with an Ordinary Council Meeting?	Yes
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Q15 Should Council Meetings be live streamed?	Respondent skipped this question
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The Annual Electors Meeting should be considered optional for Councils but not mandatory. This will remove the requirement where there is little value in the meeting but retain it for the Shires that do have meetings well attended and also interaction with the general public.
