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Dear Review team

I note the call for comments on the proposed reforms.

My comment relates to *Theme 4 Stronger Local Democracy and Community Engagement*.

Given the commitment to strengthening local democracy and community engagement, I urge the Review to embrace a fully democratic franchise at local elections, and to commit to discarding any remnants of the property franchise or plural voting.

Queensland's legislation for voting rights at local council elections, first reformed in the 1920s, provides an easily workable model for Western Australia, as I explained in my 2017 law journal article accessible here <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/UNSWLJ/2017/37.html> It would be a shame if the opportunity to reform these basic aspects of electoral law was missed.

Kind regards

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