Good Afternoon

Please find below comments/feedback that was adopted by the Shire of Kellerberrin regarding the Local Government Reform.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MIN 204/21 MOTION - Moved Cr. Ryan**

**Seconded Cr. Steber**

That Council;

1. Support WALGA’s Advocacy Positions and Recommendations as presented in their November 2021 report with the following additions/clarifications;
   
   (i) 1.2 Local Government Monitors – Support though wish to seek further clarity on who can make complaints.

   (ii) 1.5 Rapid Red Card Resolutions – Support though recommend another word then Red Card.

   (iii) 2.4 Streamline Local Laws – Support though full process needs reviewing to ensure that process isn’t complete prior to all parties reviewing the proposed Local Law and templates for Band 3 & 4 Councils.

   (iv) 2.5 Simplifying Approvals for Small Businesses and Community Events - Support as long as size and scale, regional, rural and remote examples are considered.

   (v) 2.6 Standardised Meeting Procedures, Including Public Question Time - Support as long as size and scale, regional, rural and remote examples are considered.

   (vi) 3.1 Recordings and Live Streaming of All Council Meetings – Don’t Support due to the cost involved in setting up the new system and Councils potential capacity to retain the recordings.

   (vii) 4.1 Community and Stakeholder Engagement Charters – Support though have different templates for Band 3 & 4

   (viii) 4.3 Preferential Voting – Do not support due to the cost involved with the voting procedure and potentially transferring to Electoral commission to operate becomes expensive. Could look to incorporate for Band 1 & 2 Councils.

   (ix) 4.4 Public Vote to Elect the Mayor or President (Band 1 & 2) – Do not support, Councils have the capacity to change this if they have a referendum to determine so.

   (x) 4.5 Tiered Limits on the Number of Councillors – Support Tiered numbers however up to 5,000 people needs to be 5 – 7 Councillors not 5.

   (xi) 5.8 CEO Recruitment – Support though only if a local member cannot be appointed.

(b) Advise WALGA and the Department of Councils position listed above.

Thank you

Raymond