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For many years I have been asking when the wards would be reinstated in the City of Gosnells. I live in a low socio economic area of the city and cannot relate to many of the councillors coming from newer areas. At the last election many new australians ran for the council with only one i could identify anywhere close to my area, I did vote for him but the successful candidates were all white caucasions most with established networks.A trend I have noticed since not having wards two or three candidates on' a platform allowing advertising costs to be shared.I find this to be unfair also. I cannot see any advantage to preferential voting and it make the sharing of a platform even more dubious. As to the direct election of a Mayor from the voters it has too many things that can go wrong. The discussion paper says it is hoped people who run would have the ability to do the job and i do not believe many people would be able to judge this until it is too late. Regards Irene Bettridge