Currently only a ratepayer in that community can raise questions / vote or propose motions would like to see the definition added to describe who or what is a community member.
Potential to stack a meeting with people other than ratepayers from the city/shire.

35. The Panel recommends the Annual Electors’ Meeting is replaced by an Annual Community Meeting whereby:
   a. As a minimum, councils provide information on their achievements and future prospects;
   b. Councils report on the local government’s financial performance and performance against relevant Council Plans;
   c. Both the mayor/president and the Chair of the Audit Committee address the meeting;
   d. There is ample time for questions; and
   e. Wider community participation is encouraged through different delivery mechanisms.

The Panel recommended the retention of an annual meeting (to replace the Annual Electors’ Meetings) which will facilitate community participation through more modern delivery mechanisms to reach people who may not be able to attend ordinary council meetings (for example, using Zoom and/or webinars). At this meeting there should be an annual performance statement made by the mayor/president, a report from the chair of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and a question and answer session.

Kind Regards
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