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Mr Stuart Wright
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Dear Mr Wright,

The Break O'Day Council would like to express its appreciation for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Legislative Council Inquiry into the Tasmanian Electoral Commission.

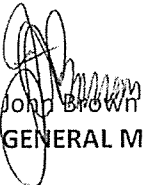
Council discussed the Inquiry and believe that the current system of filling a casual vacancy in the office of Councillor within Local Government should be reviewed.

The completion of a full recount is Councils preferred approach to handling this situation as it believes the outcome would reflect the actual intentions of electors when the candidate is removed from the count.

Council does not support the current practice as set out in Section 307(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for filling a Casual Vacancy:

(2) For the purpose of a recount, only the ballot papers containing the votes of the vacating councillor are to be counted for candidates who remain eligible and who consent to be included when the recount is carried out.

Yours faithfully


JOHN BROWN
GENERAL MANAGER

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