

27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

Mr Stuart Wright,  
Committee Secretary,  
Legislative Council,  
Parliament House,  
Hobart. Tas. 7000.

Dear Sir,

Re: Inquiry into the Tasmania Electoral Act

I wish to make a submission to the above Inquiry.

I would ask that the Committee look at the way the Deputy Mayor is elected in Local Government elections as I believe the current system does not always allow for the best person to take on the position.

Alternatives to the current system that could be considered –

- 1) For there to be one election for Mayor and Deputy – with the runner up being given the option of being declared Deputy Mayor.
- 2) For candidates to be able to stand for both Mayor and Deputy Mayor. If a candidate was successful as Mayor, then their name would be removed from the ballot for Deputy Mayor
- 3) For the Deputy Mayor to be elected around the Council table.

With many thanks,

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