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I am Robert (Bob) Brown the current Deputy Mayor of the Town of Bassendean. I complete my 4 year term in October and will not renominate for another.

That our Councillors at ToB work extremely hard is not in question. They work as hard or harder than Councillors in other Cities and Towns. Our Mayor, for example, works tirelessly with great effect without the support staff provided in larger municipalities. She does so for a pittance compared to larger local governments.

For this reform to be effective quality, well educated candidates with appeal to the broader community need to be attracted and retained.

I believe this can only be achieved by offering an incentive through higher recompense for effort. Queensland have introduced this reform to great affect.

As I said earlier I have nothing to gain but as a community member I believe we need to provide better recognition of Councillors in order to gain and retain the best people.

All the very best.

Bob Brown
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