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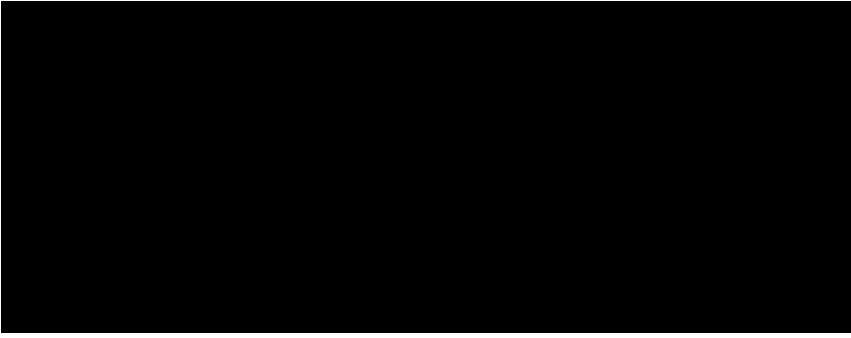
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Page 10: Decisions by the Minister

Administrative efficiencies

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s 3.59 Commencing or undertaking a major land transaction or trading undertaking (as required under the regulations)	Yes
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s 3.65 Amending the establishment agreement of a regional local government	Yes
s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
s 3.70 Amendment to a regional subsidies charter	Yes
s 5.7 Reducing the number of people required for a quorum or absolute majority	Yes
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Page 11: Simple or majority decisions

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s3.12 & 3.16 Making local laws	Absolute majority
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Bruce Haynes

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Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Claremont (Town)**

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

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"The functions of the Grants Commission and the Advisory Board should be combined under one Board."	Very supportive
"Membership of the Local Government Advisory Board and the Local Government Grants Commission should be required to be drawn from specific geographic locations, for example metropolitan Perth as well as regional and remote Western Australia."	Very supportive
"Prior to conducting a poll to change the method of election of the Mayor / President from election by electors to election by the council, the local government should be required to draft the question and summaries and submit the question to the Advisory Board."	Very supportive
"The Advisory Board should not assess a proposal for changes to boundaries that does not meet the set minimum requirements."	Very unsupportive
"The petition of affected electors should require each signatory to sign an acknowledgment that they have read the summary of the proposal and have seen a plan or map detailing any proposed changes."	Very supportive
"The affected local government(s) should be provided with a copy of the proposal prior to it being submitted to the Advisory Board."	Very supportive
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Page 7: Boundary changes, abolishing districts, names and ward representations

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Administrative efficiencies

Q14 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"People need the power to impound stray cattle."	Very unsupportive
"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Very supportive
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"Offences that apply to pound keepers should also apply to similar facilities maintained by local governments, for example cats and dogs."	Very supportive

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s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
s 3.70 Amendment to a regional subsidies charter	Unsure
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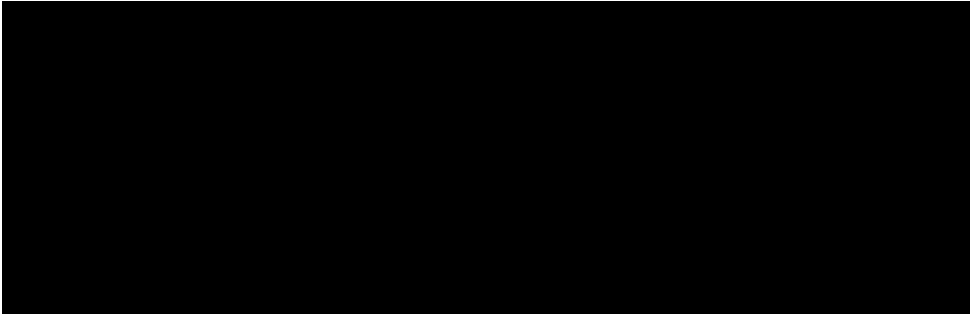
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John Brittain

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Danielle Courtin

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Not red tape but blatant conflicts of interest:

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Administrative efficiencies

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Sonny Rutherford

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gary bairstow

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Peter Crispin

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"Prior to conducting a poll to change the method of election of the Mayor / President from election by electors to election by the council, the local government should be required to draft the question and summaries and submit the question to the Advisory Board."	Neutral
"The Advisory Board should not assess a proposal for changes to boundaries that does not meet the set minimum requirements."	Supportive
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Page 11: Simple or majority decisions

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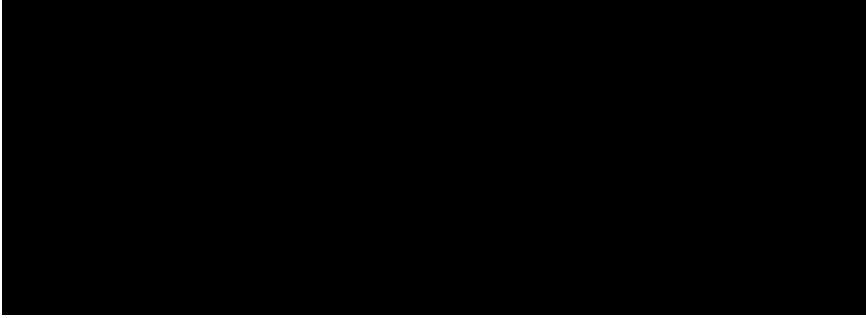
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Andrew Thomson

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Nils Hay

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I think it's important to look at methods to reduce red tape for smaller, lower-capacity LGs. At present, Sandstone has to administer the same Act as Stirling, and the compliance burden placed upon smaller local governments can be incredibly difficult to resource and manage. It's also hard to argue that value is being delivered to ratepayers, when compliance - rather than service delivery - becomes the organisational focus.

Whilst appropriate checks and balances must be in place to ensure probity, either greater support and assistance is required (from DLGSC/WALGA), or requirements need to be relaxed as the ability to obtain (and fund) the specialist skill sets required for a range of compliance activities is very limited. While a number of local governments currently attempt to bridge this gap by sharing resources (e.g. EHOs, Rangers, CESMs, Planners or by paying consultants - which quickly becomes expensive) an opportunity exists with the Act reform to alter the way compliance works in the sector, and some kind of scalability (whether it be by band or financial metrics) is worthy of consideration.



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Administrative efficiency. Public comment.

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Impact 1

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Solution 1.

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Furthermore, legislation or penalties need to be applied to the CEO and/or his team when they mislead or deliberately lie, especially for financial gain.

Advocating Partnership’s between LG and the private sector need transparency and public accountability.

Problem 2.

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Impact 2.

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State Government needs stronger oversight of LG administration variable costs, taking back the States responsibilities of income redistribution and delegated services.

Problem 3.

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 Regulation 11(2)(k)

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Impact.

Poor service, greenfielding, higher costs and displaced local businesses. Possible underground corruption courtesy of public sector protectionism that ultimately will destroy jobs and good businesses.

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Solution.

Either, cancel the regulation exemption issued by Parliament, or encourage smaller emerging local contractors to become engaged through an effective oversight body.

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Problem 4.

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Emergency work needs oversight or further regulation as accountability is brought into question. Natural disaster funding oversight on the tick and flick needs effective regulation.

Impact.

Disrepute for the LG.

Disrepute for State Government.

Displacement, unrest, failing and migratory local residential electorate.

Solution.

Update the local Government act. Remove incompetent management within the LG sector.

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Problem 5.

Private Shire collaborative unions not representing the ratepayer interest's.

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Impact.

Current action for LG reform initiatives.

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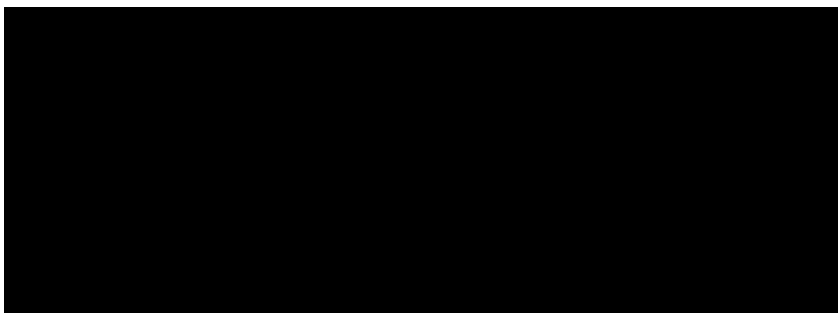
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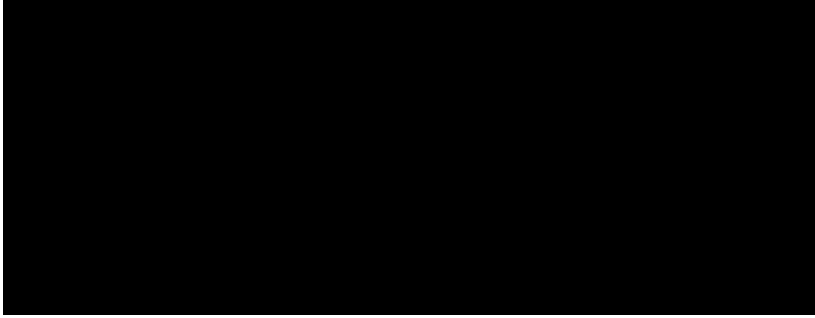
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Shane Van Styn

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Garry Keeffe

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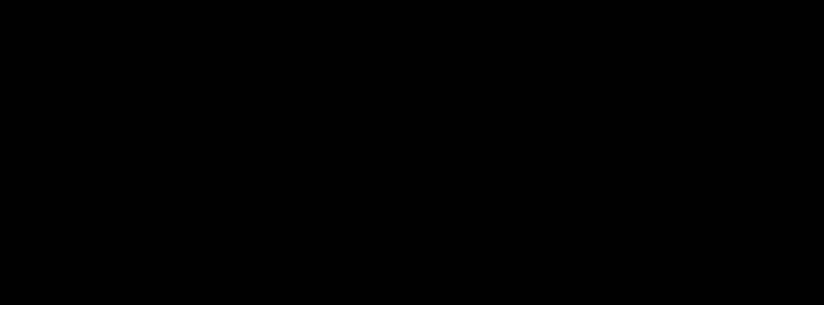
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Mandy Reidy

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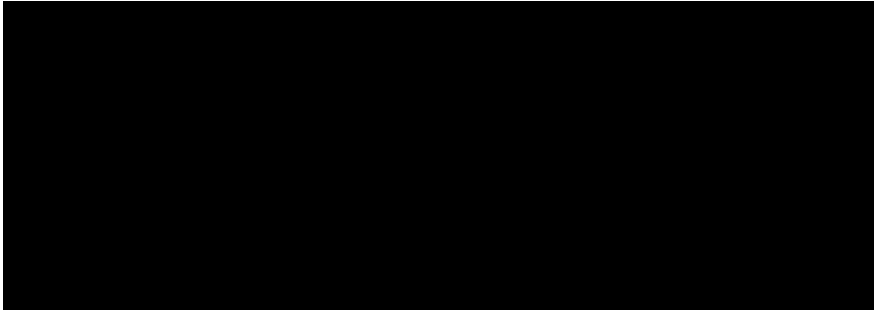
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The seven (7) shires in our region signed a three year MOU with a Not for Profit Local Tourism organisation into the third year of that MOU one of the Shires has refused to pay and two others are withholding funds saying you can't do anything its a Gentleman's agreement, I have two issues with this 1. It's sexist 2. What credibility does that give to those LGA's if they do not honour agreements with community organisations that have preformed their role. The recommendations in all cases taken to the Shire Councillors was to honour the agreements. The council have then not at any stage rescinded their previous motions and simply refused to pay saying "the not for profit can't do anything anyway". This reflect very badly on LGA's but unfortunately those on these councils do not have the skills and knowledge to understand what they are doing and in several cases family members hold many of the councillors seats. I think a solutions would be that 1. A restriction that an individual can only sit 2 connective terms on council. Seats should at least have the same amount required for a quorum contested at and election 3. Husbands, wives and/or emmediate family ie. children should not be able to sit on shires in the state anywhere in the same term on local geovernment.



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William Smith

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Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

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Lynette Baker

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Tamara Clarkson

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"People need the power to impound stray cattle."	Very unsupportive
"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Supportive
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Michael dowey

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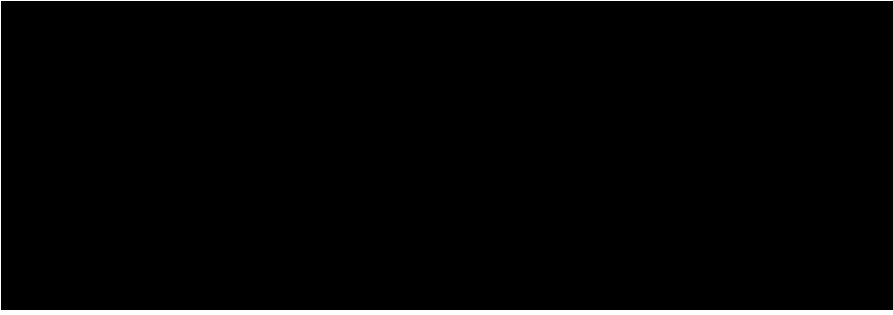
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Felix Rosario

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Cherie Delmage

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Genevieve Hunter

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"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Supportive
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David Trevaskis

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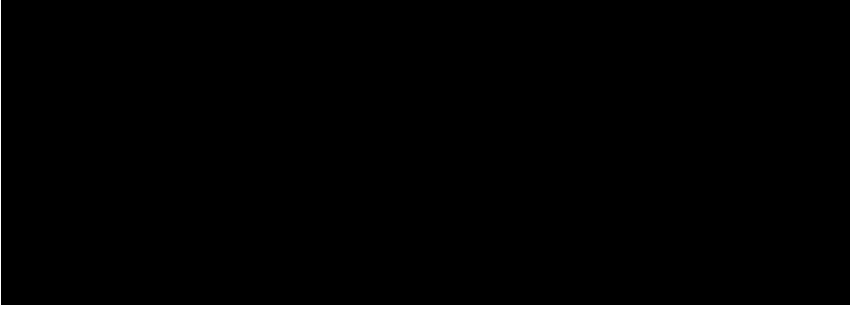
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Shire of Kellerberrin

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Administrative efficiencies

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Local laws



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Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

John Bell

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **66 - 75**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Mundaring (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 8: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Gary Tuffin

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **East Fremantle (Town)**

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| "Membership of the Local Government Advisory Board and the Local Government Grants Commission should be required to be drawn from specific geographic locations, for example metropolitan Perth as well as regional and remote Western Australia." | Very supportive |
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"People need the power to impound stray cattle."	Neutral
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Page 10: Decisions by the Minister

Administrative efficiencies

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s 2.25 Approval for a leave of absences greater than six consecutive council meetings	Yes
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s 3.59 Commencing or undertaking a major land transaction or trading undertaking (as required under the regulations)	No
s 3.61 Establishing a regional local government	Yes
s 3.65 Amending the establishment agreement of a regional local government	Yes
s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
s 3.70 Amendment to a regional subsidies charter	Yes
s 5.7 Reducing the number of people required for a quorum or absolute majority	Yes
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s 5.69A Exemption from some or all disclosure of interest requirements for committee members	Yes
s 6.35 Minimum payment of rates on vacant land	Yes
s 6.74 Approval to re-vest land to the State for non-payment of rates	Yes
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Page 11: Simple or majority decisions

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s3.12 & 3.16 Making local laws	Absolute majority
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s4.17 Deciding if a councillor's seat should remain vacant prior to the next ordinary election (if the vacancy occurs between January and July in an election year)	Absolute majority
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Administrative efficiencies

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Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Bradley Buckland

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Swan (City)**

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"All local governments regardless of their size should have the same level of powers and responsibilities."	Very supportive
"The functions of the Grants Commission and the Advisory Board should be combined under one Board."	Very supportive
"Membership of the Local Government Advisory Board and the Local Government Grants Commission should be required to be drawn from specific geographic locations, for example metropolitan Perth as well as regional and remote Western Australia."	Very unsupportive
"Prior to conducting a poll to change the method of election of the Mayor / President from election by electors to election by the council, the local government should be required to draft the question and summaries and submit the question to the Advisory Board."	Very supportive
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Administrative efficiencies

Q14 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"People need the power to impound stray cattle."	Very unsupportive
"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Supportive
"People need the power to detain and dispose of stray goats, pigs and poultry."	Very unsupportive
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Administrative efficiencies

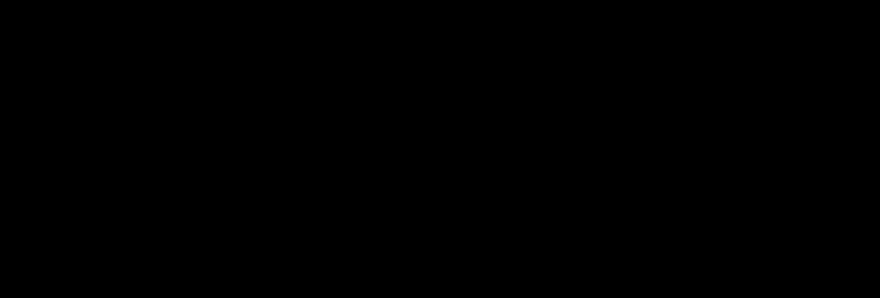
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bella scharfenstein

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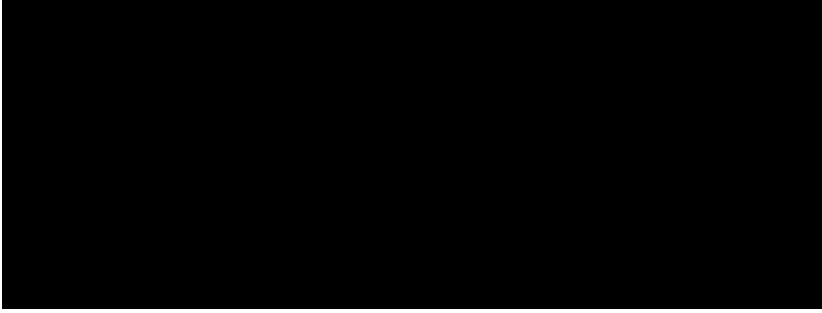
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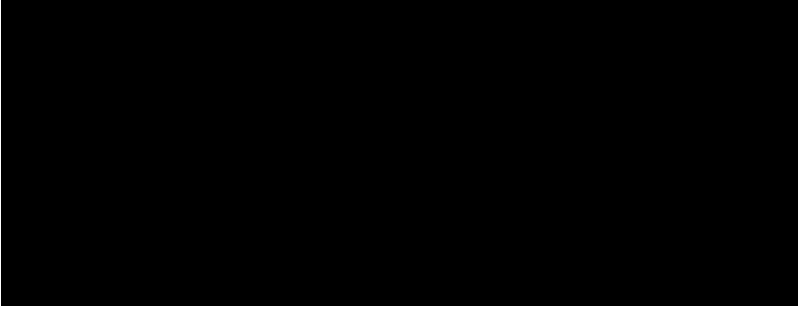
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Henry Stawarz

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Councillor Osborn

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Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

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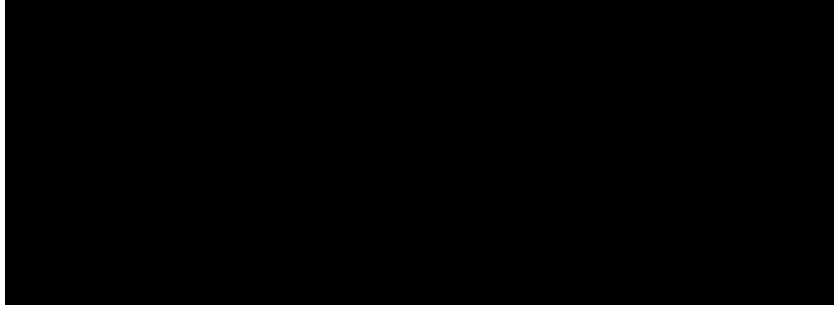
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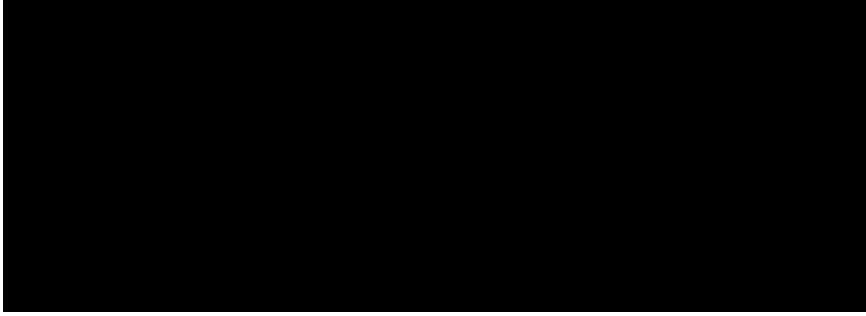
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Shire of Bruce Rock

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Sally Kenton

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Not enough red tape. In my opinion Local Government is given responsibility and power beyond its means and unless we move to a compulsory voting system in electoral areas as for State and Federal Government members those higher Government bodies should not pass responsibilities to local government.



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Maurice Battilana

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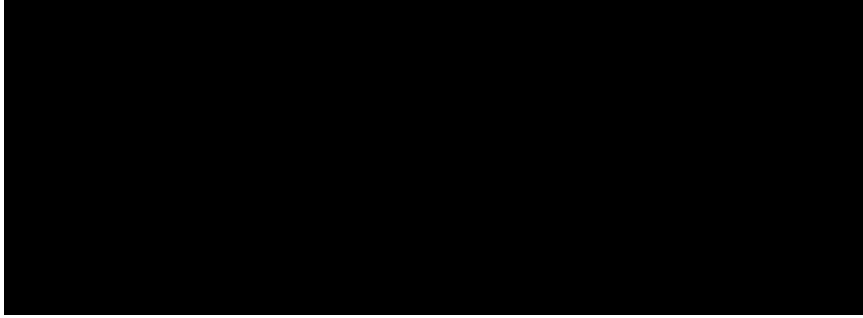
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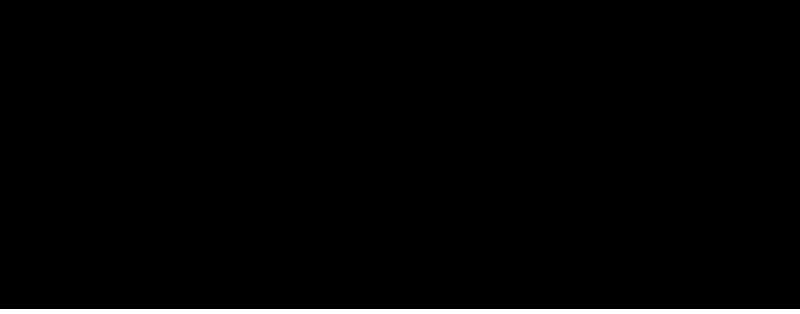
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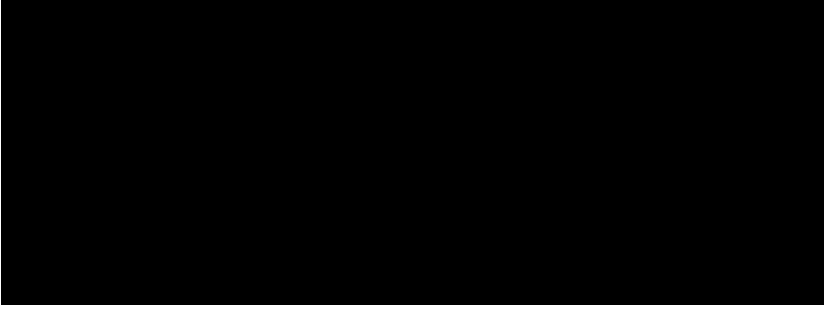
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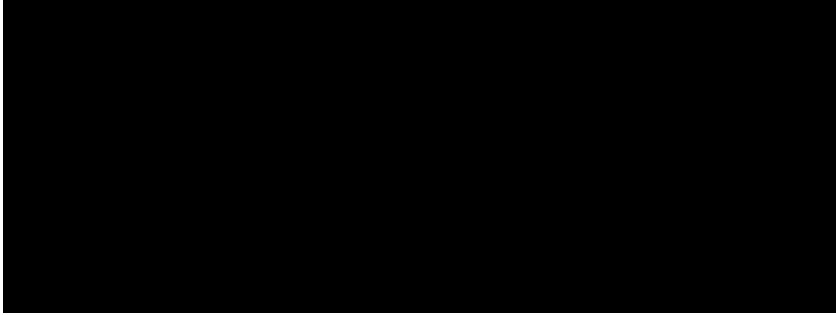
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Page 4: About you

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

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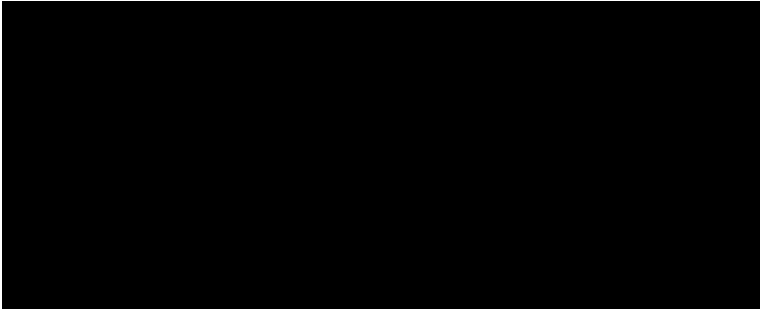
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Page 4: About you

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Caroline Bell

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Administrative efficiencies

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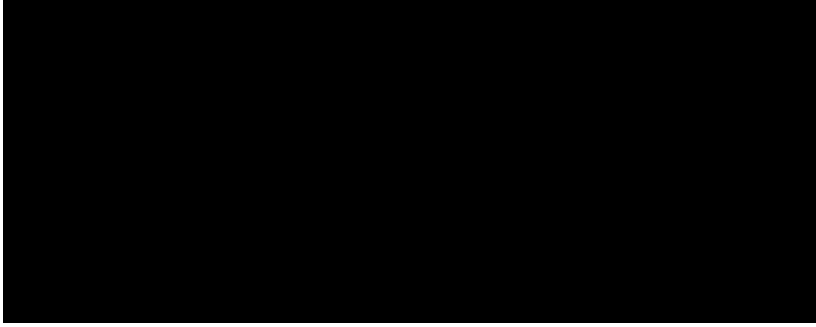
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Jacqueline Sprogoe

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"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Supportive
"People need the power to detain and dispose of stray goats, pigs and poultry."	Supportive
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s 7.12A Provide a copy of the report that addresses the issues identified in the audit report	Yes
LG (Audit) Reg 14 Provide a copy of the compliance audit report	Yes
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Page 10: Decisions by the Minister

Administrative efficiencies

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s 2.25 Approval for a leave of absences greater than six consecutive council meetings	Yes
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s 3.59 Commencing or undertaking a major land transaction or trading undertaking (as required under the regulations)	Yes
s 3.61 Establishing a regional local government	Yes
s 3.65 Amending the establishment agreement of a regional local government	Yes
s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
s 3.70 Amendment to a regional subsidies charter	Yes
s 5.7 Reducing the number of people required for a quorum or absolute majority	Yes
s 5.69 Approval to participate in a meeting (after disclosing an interest)	Unsure
s 5.69A Exemption from some or all disclosure of interest requirements for committee members	Yes
s 6.35 Minimum payment of rates on vacant land	Unsure
s 6.74 Approval to re-vest land to the State for non-payment of rates	Yes
s 9.63 Direction to two or more local governments on how to resolve a dispute	Yes

Page 11: Simple or majority decisions

Q17 How should the following decisions be resolved by Council?

s3.12 & 3.16 Making local laws	Unsure
s3.59(5) Undertaking major land transactions or major trading activities	Absolute majority
s4.17 Deciding if a councillor's seat should remain vacant prior to the next ordinary election (if the vacancy occurs between January and July in an election year)	Absolute majority
s4.20 Appointing the Electoral Commissioner to conduct an election or appointing a returning officer	Simple majority
s4.57 Appointing a person to be a Councillor if no nominations are received twice for a vacant position	Simple majority
s4.61 Deciding if an election should be a postal election	Simple majority
s5.8 Establishing committees to assist council in the performance of powers and duties	Simple majority

Administrative efficiencies

s5.10 & 5.11A Appointing members (and deputies) to a committee	Simple majority
s5.15 Reducing the number of offices required to form a quorum at a committee meeting (if required)	Absolute majority
s5.16 Delegating or revoking any local government powers and duties to a committee	Absolute majority
s5.36 Decisions on CEO's employment contract	Simple majority
s5.42 & 5.45 Deciding to delegate powers or duties to the CEO (and revoke this delegation)	Absolute majority
s5.54 Accepting the annual report for a financial year	Absolute majority
s5.98A Deciding to pay the deputy mayor an additional allowance	Absolute majority
s5.99 Deciding to pay council members the prescribed minimum fee or a fee within the prescribed range	Absolute majority
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s6.2 Preparing and adopting a budget for the financial year	Absolute majority
s6.3 Imposing a supplementary general rate or specified area rate	Simple majority
s6.8 Spending money from the municipal fund that was not in the annual budget	Absolute majority
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LG (Admin) Reg 19C and 19DA) Adopting a strategic community plan and corporate business plan	Absolute majority
LG (Financial Management) Reg 33A Determining whether to adopt a review of the budget or recommendations in the budget review	Absolute majority

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Page 4: About you

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Terresa Lynes

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

Q7 What is your age? **36 - 45**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Gosnells (City)**

Page 5: About you

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

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"The functions of the Grants Commission and the Advisory Board should be combined under one Board."	Supportive
"Membership of the Local Government Advisory Board and the Local Government Grants Commission should be required to be drawn from specific geographic locations, for example metropolitan Perth as well as regional and remote Western Australia."	Supportive
"Prior to conducting a poll to change the method of election of the Mayor / President from election by electors to election by the council, the local government should be required to draft the question and summaries and submit the question to the Advisory Board."	Very supportive
"The Advisory Board should not assess a proposal for changes to boundaries that does not meet the set minimum requirements."	Very supportive
"The petition of affected electors should require each signatory to sign an acknowledgment that they have read the summary of the proposal and have seen a plan or map detailing any proposed changes."	Very supportive
"The affected local government(s) should be provided with a copy of the proposal prior to it being submitted to the Advisory Board."	Supportive
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Shire of Mundaring

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Raising the number of electors required to submit to the LGAB a proposal for boundary changes, abolishing districts, names and ward representations.

Council recommends no change to this legislation. The background paper raises the change of increasing the number of electors from 250 to 500, on the grounds that 250 electors represent a very small portion of the population of major metro local governments and do not truly represent the community's view.

Council recommends no change to this legislation because 500 electors does not significantly increase the representation of the community view in, for example, a local government of more than 100,000 electors.

What solutions can you suggest to solve this red tape problem?

1. Miscellaneous Provisions Act:

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All suggestions accepted.

2. Information to be provided to the Minister:

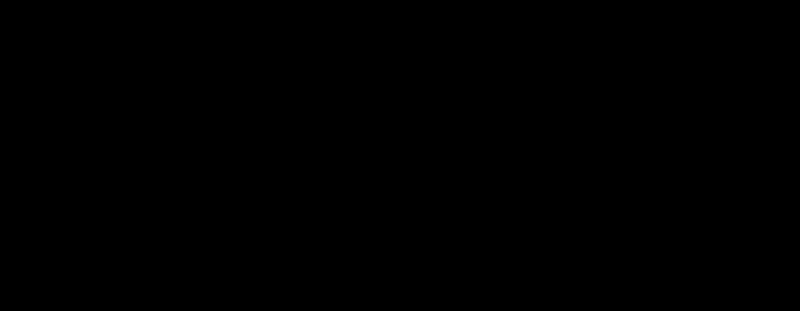
All pieces listed in question 3 of the survey should be provided to the Minister.

3. Decisions to be made by the Minister:

All the decisions listed in question 5 of the survey should be made by the Minister.

4. Absolute majority decisions:

All decisions listed in question 6 of the survey should be by absolute majority, as these are all decisions of great importance that should be supported by a clear majority of councilors.



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Suzie Haslehurst

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"The Advisory Board should not assess a proposal for changes to boundaries that does not meet the set minimum requirements."	Neutral
"The petition of affected electors should require each signatory to sign an acknowledgment that they have read the summary of the proposal and have seen a plan or map detailing any proposed changes."	Supportive
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Page 7: Boundary changes, abolishing districts, names and ward representations

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"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Supportive
"People need the power to detain and dispose of stray goats, pigs and poultry."	Neutral
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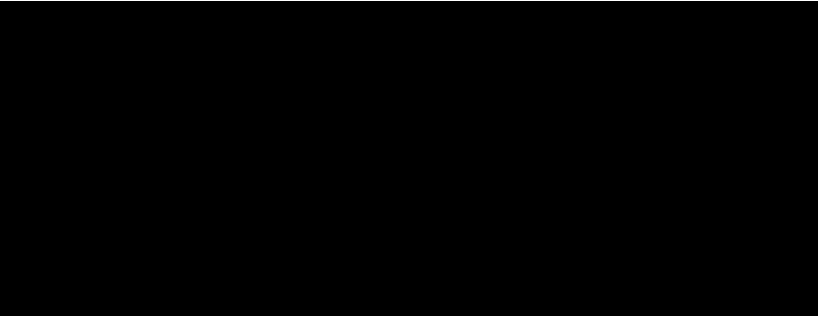
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Tom Burbidge

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Dennis Bishop

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Nathan Russell

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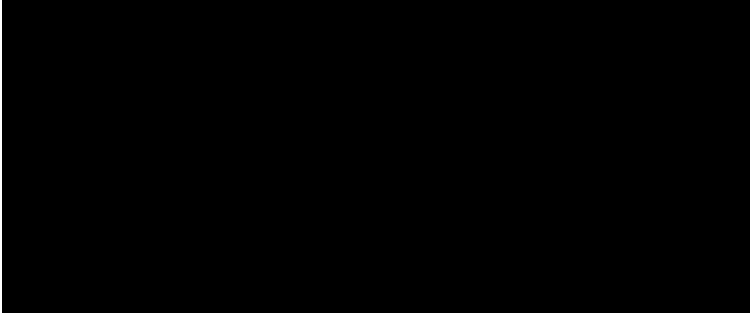
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Vanessa

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

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s 3.65 Amending the establishment agreement of a regional local government	Yes
s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
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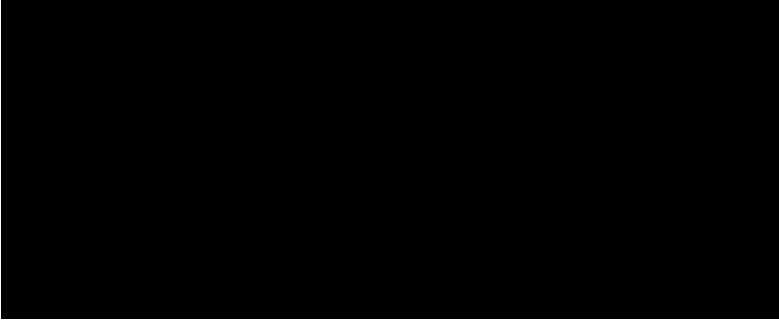
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Shire of Lake Grace

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Denise Gobbart

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Andrew Brien

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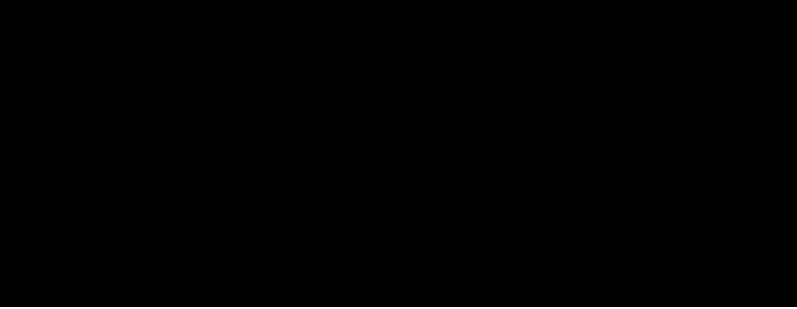
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Page 4: About you

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Michael McPhail

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

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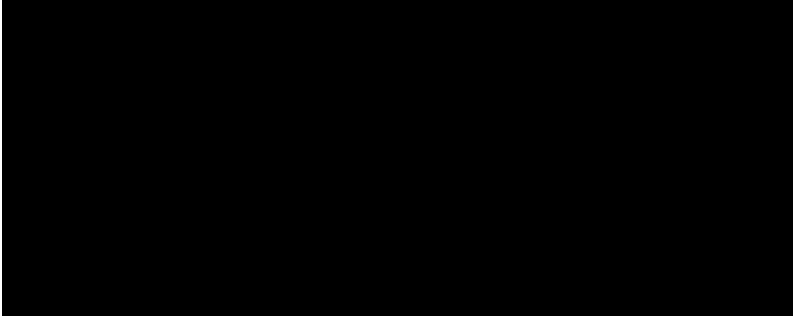
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Absent from the LG Act Review so far has been the role of the Department of Local Government (et al.). Given that local government is a creation of the State, the Department should be playing a role to shape the strategic direction, co-ordinate action and enable the capability of local governments to deliver on said strategic direction.

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There is a clear lack of vision for what local government should be, and what it should look like into the future. What are its most important functions? Which roles is it performing poorly? How can its digital capabilities be significantly improved to chasing ever rising community expectations (constantly pushed up by the likes of Uber, AirBnB, etc).

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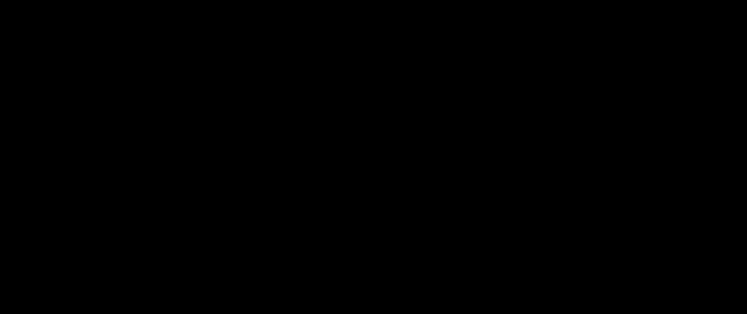
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Dan Bull

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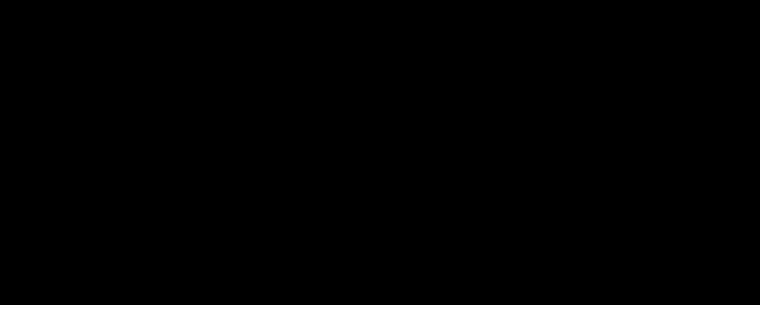
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Robert Sills

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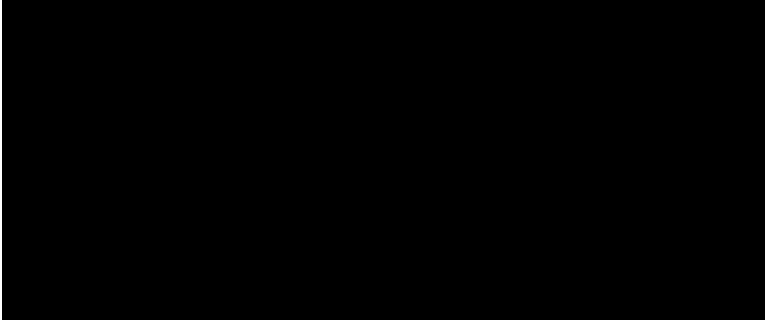
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Steve Walker

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Open to the possibility of combining Grants commission and LGAB IF careful steps are taken.

WALGA representation needs be reduced on LGAB.

Need for reforming public members on them. (Non-councillors, non-mayors.)

Advisory Boards. Much improvement is needed here.

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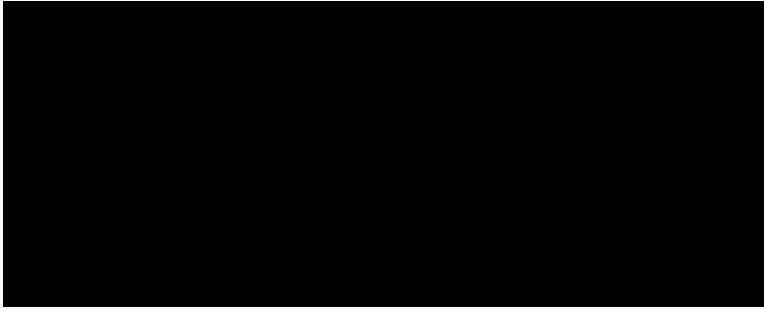
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Suzanne Thompson

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Red tape isn't the problem. Lack of transparency and oversight is. The easy in which ideas that are detrimental to the rate payers can be voted for via a simple majority is.



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Markus A Enkler, E.E.E.T.

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Lorna Buchan

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Pamela Meehan

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s 5.69 Approval to participate in a meeting (after disclosing an interest)	Yes
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s 6.35 Minimum payment of rates on vacant land	Yes
s 6.74 Approval to re-vest land to the State for non-payment of rates	Yes
s 9.63 Direction to two or more local governments on how to resolve a dispute	Yes

Page 11: Simple or majority decisions

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Administrative efficiencies

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s5.42 & 5.45 Deciding to delegate powers or duties to the CEO (and revoke this delegation)	Absolute majority
s5.54 Accepting the annual report for a financial year	Simple majority
s5.98A Deciding to pay the deputy mayor an additional allowance	Absolute majority
s5.99 Deciding to pay council members the prescribed minimum fee or a fee within the prescribed range	Simple majority
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s6.2 Preparing and adopting a budget for the financial year	Absolute majority
s6.3 Imposing a supplementary general rate or specified area rate	Absolute majority
s6.8 Spending money from the municipal fund that was not in the annual budget	Absolute majority
s6.11 Changing the purpose of a reserve account	Absolute majority
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s6.13 Deciding to require a person to pay interest on an amount owed to a local government	Simple majority
s6.16 Imposing (or amending) a fee for goods or services	Simple majority
s6.20 Deciding to borrow and spend borrowed money	Absolute majority
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Sch 2.2 clause 5 Making a proposal to the Minister or the Advisory Board to change the name of a district or ward	Simple majority

Administrative efficiencies

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LG (Admin) Reg 10(2) Deciding to revoke or change a decision made by absolute majority	Absolute majority
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Ridiculous planning approvals like charging \$1100 for approval to have multiple dwellings on condition that the original dwelling is demolished after construction of the new dwelling.

Cost money, delayed the process, was clearly an money grab by the council.

Consistency across all local governments on planning processes and requirements.



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Q1 Have you read the discussion paper associated with this survey? **Yes**

Q2 Who are you completing this submission on behalf of? **Yourself**

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Q3 What is the name of that organisation? **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

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Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Council member, including Mayor or President**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Male**

Q7 What is your age? **56 - 65**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Wagin (Shire)**

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Q9 Would you like to be updated on the progress of the Local Government Act 1995 review and further opportunities to have your say? **Yes**

Q10 Do you wish for your responses to this survey to be confidential? **No**

Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

Q12 To what extent do you support the following statements?

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"The functions of the Grants Commission and the Advisory Board should be combined under one Board."	Neutral
"Membership of the Local Government Advisory Board and the Local Government Grants Commission should be required to be drawn from specific geographic locations, for example metropolitan Perth as well as regional and remote Western Australia."	Supportive
"Prior to conducting a poll to change the method of election of the Mayor / President from election by electors to election by the council, the local government should be required to draft the question and summaries and submit the question to the Advisory Board."	Unsupportive
"The Advisory Board should not assess a proposal for changes to boundaries that does not meet the set minimum requirements."	Neutral
"The petition of affected electors should require each signatory to sign an acknowledgment that they have read the summary of the proposal and have seen a plan or map detailing any proposed changes."	Supportive
"The affected local government(s) should be provided with a copy of the proposal prior to it being submitted to the Advisory Board."	Very supportive
"The applicant should be able to withdraw a proposal at any time prior to a recommendation being made to the Minister, providing there are circumstances which, in the Advisory Board's view, warrant withdrawal of the proposal."	Very supportive

Page 7: Boundary changes, abolishing districts, names and ward representations

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Page 8: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960

Q14 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"People need the power to impound stray cattle."	Neutral
"Local governments need the power to impound stray cattle."	Supportive
"People need the power to detain and dispose of stray goats, pigs and poultry."	Neutral
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Page 9: Information provided to and decisions made by the Department and the Minister

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LG (Financial Management) Reg 33 Provide a copy of the annual budget.	Yes
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Page 10: Decisions by the Minister

Administrative efficiencies

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s 3.59 Commencing or undertaking a major land transaction or trading undertaking (as required under the regulations)	Yes
s 3.61 Establishing a regional local government	Yes
s 3.65 Amending the establishment agreement of a regional local government	No
s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
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Administrative efficiencies

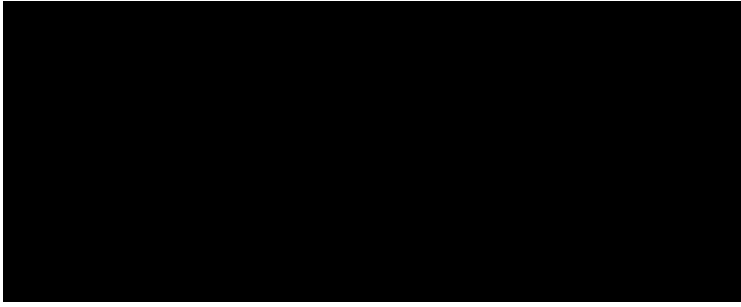
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Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

Stella

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Resident / ratepayer**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Female**

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Administrative efficiencies

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Page 3: Your organisation

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WEROC

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

WEROC

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Response is on behalf of a Local Government (Council endorsed)**

Q6 What best describes your gender? **Not applicable / the submission is from an organisation**

Q7 What is your age? **Not applicable**

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Page 5: About you

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Page 6: Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board

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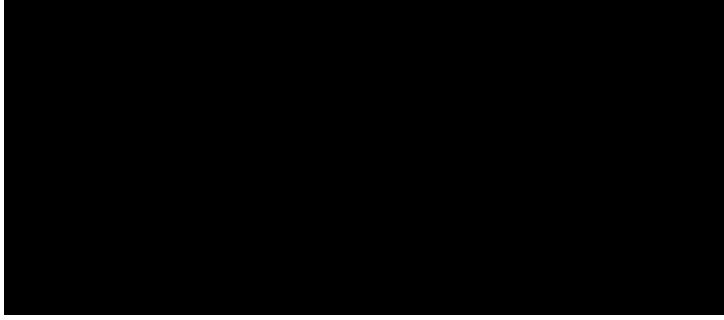
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Jamie Criddle

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"The functions of the Grants Commission and the Advisory Board should be combined under one Board."	Supportive
"Membership of the Local Government Advisory Board and the Local Government Grants Commission should be required to be drawn from specific geographic locations, for example metropolitan Perth as well as regional and remote Western Australia."	Supportive
"Prior to conducting a poll to change the method of election of the Mayor / President from election by electors to election by the council, the local government should be required to draft the question and summaries and submit the question to the Advisory Board."	Neutral
"The Advisory Board should not assess a proposal for changes to boundaries that does not meet the set minimum requirements."	Neutral
"The petition of affected electors should require each signatory to sign an acknowledgment that they have read the summary of the proposal and have seen a plan or map detailing any proposed changes."	Supportive
"The affected local government(s) should be provided with a copy of the proposal prior to it being submitted to the Advisory Board."	Supportive
"The applicant should be able to withdraw a proposal at any time prior to a recommendation being made to the Minister, providing there are circumstances which, in the Advisory Board's view, warrant withdrawal of the proposal."	Supportive

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Q14 To what extent do you support the following statements?

"People need the power to impound stray cattle."	Neutral
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"People need the power to detain and dispose of stray goats, pigs and poultry."	Neutral
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Page 9: Information provided to and decisions made by the Department and the Minister

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LG (Audit) Reg 14 Provide a copy of the compliance audit report	No
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LG (Constitution) Form 2 Request for a poll on a recommended amalgamation	Yes
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Page 10: Decisions by the Minister

Administrative efficiencies

Q16 Which of the following decisions should be made by the Minister?

s 2.25 Approval for a leave of absences greater than six consecutive council meetings	Yes
s 3.53 Ordering which local government is responsible for managing a facility that is located within two or more districts (only when the local governments themselves do not agree about how to manage the facility)	Unsure
s 3.59 Commencing or undertaking a major land transaction or trading undertaking (as required under the regulations)	No
s 3.61 Establishing a regional local government	No
s 3.65 Amending the establishment agreement of a regional local government	No
s 3.69 Establishing a regional subsidiary	Yes
s 3.70 Amendment to a regional subsidies charter	No
s 5.7 Reducing the number of people required for a quorum or absolute majority	No
s 5.69 Approval to participate in a meeting (after disclosing an interest)	No
s 5.69A Exemption from some or all disclosure of interest requirements for committee members	No
s 6.35 Minimum payment of rates on vacant land	No
s 6.74 Approval to re-vest land to the State for non-payment of rates	Yes
s 9.63 Direction to two or more local governments on how to resolve a dispute	Yes

Page 11: Simple or majority decisions

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Page 3: Your organisation

Q3 What is the name of that organisation?

Shire of Carnarvon

Page 4: About you

Q4 What is your name?

David Burton

Q5 What best describes your relationship to local government? **Staff member or CEO**

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Q7 What is your age? **46 - 55**

Q8 Which local government do you interact with most? **Carnarvon (Shire)**

Page 5: About you

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