

8 December 2021



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Dear Ms Chopping

**Local Government Act 1995 reform package**

At the Monday, 6 December 2021 Special Council Meeting, the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale passed the following resolution:

**SCM089/12/21**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

**1. RESOLVES the following positions regarding the proposed Local Government reforms announced by the Minister on 10 November 2021:**

Reform number	Proposed reform	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale position
1.1	Early Intervention Powers	SUPPORTED
1.2	Local Government Monitors	SUPPORTED
1.3	Conduct Panel	SUPPORTED
1.4	Review of Penalties	SUPPORTED
1.5	Rapid Red Card Resolutions	NOT SUPPORTED
1.6	Vexatious Complaint Referrals	SUPPORTED
1.7	Minor Other Reforms	SUPPORTED
2.1	Resource Sharing	SUPPORTED
2.2	Standardisation of crossovers	SUPPORTED
2.3	Introduce Innovation Provisions	SUPPORTED
2.4	Streamline Local Laws	SUPPORTED
2.5	Simplifying Approvals for Small Business and Community Events	SUPPORTED
2.6	Standardised Meeting Procedures, Including Public Question Time	SUPPORTED



2.7	Regional Subsidiaries	SUPPORTED
3.1	Recordings and Live-Streaming of All Council Meetings	SUPPORTED
3.2	Recording All Votes in Council Minutes	SUPPORTED
3.3	Clearer Guidance for Meeting Items that may be Confidential	SUPPORTED
3.4	Additional Online Registers	SUPPORTED
3.5	Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) be Published	SUPPORTED as currently published by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
4.1	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Charters	SUPPORTED
4.2	Ratepayer Satisfaction Surveys (Band 1 and 2 local governments only)	SUPPORTED
4.3	Introduction of Preferential Voting	NOT SUPPORTED
4.4	Public Vote to Elect the Mayor and President	NOT SUPPORTED
4.5	Tiered Limits on the Number of Councillors	SUPPORTED
4.6	No Wards for Small Councils (Band 3 and 4 Councils only)	NO POSITION
4.7	Electoral Reform – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Voter Eligibility	SUPPORTED
4.8	Reform of Candidate Profiles	SUPPORTED
4.9	Minor Other Electoral Reforms	SUPPORTED
5.1	Introduce Principles in the Act	SUPPORTED
5.2	Greater Role Clarity	SUPPORTED
5.3	Council Communication Agreements	SUPPORTED
5.4	Local Governments May Pay Superannuation Contributions for Elected Members	NOT SUPPORTED
5.5	Local Governments May Establish Education Allowances	SUPPORTED
5.6	Standardised Election Caretaker period	SUPPORTED
5.7	Remove WALGA from the Act	SUPPORTED
5.8	CEO Recruitment	SUPPORTED
6.1	Model Financial Statements and Tiered Financial Reporting	SUPPORTED
6.2	Simplify Strategic and Financial Planning	NOT SUPPORTED
6.3	Rates and Revenue Policy	SUPPORTED

6.4	Monthly Reporting of Credit Card Statements	SUPPORTED
6.5	Amended Financial Ratios	SUPPORTED
6.6	Audit Committees	NOT SUPPORTED
6.7	Building Upgrade Finance	NOT SUPPORTED
6.8	Cost of Waste Service to be Specified on Rates Notices	SUPPORTED

**2. REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Western Australian Local Government Association to advise Council's resolution on this matter.**

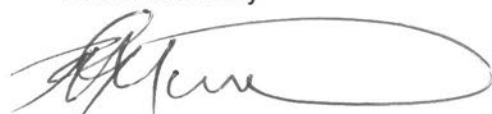
The purpose of this letter is to advise you of Council's resolution on this matter.

The Shire would welcome the opportunity to participate further in the *Local Government Act 1995* reform program.

To that end I would like to offer the assistance of Mr Frazer Sullivan, Director Corporate Services and Dr Kenneth Parker, Manager Governance and Strategy to assist the Department in the next phases of the reform design.

If you need any further information please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Paul Martin  
Chief Executive Officer