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This submission is made on behalf of the members of Gosnells Going Forward Inc and relates to the second stage of the review process.

Gosnells Going Forward Inc submits that the Local Government Act, 1995 be amended so that in every local authority Mayors and Shire Presidents are elected directly by the electors of the district and not by the elected representatives.

Where Mayors or Shire Presidents are elected by the elected representatives there is less transparency than where they are elected by the electors of the district.

Also, where Mayors (or Shire Presidents) are elected by the elected representatives of a district, there is a risk that potential Mayoral candidates will put up "tickets" of candidates in the election for councillors to secure votes for the mayoral election. This may not be in the best interests of the electors of the district.

We also submit that mayoral candidates should have conditions imposed on their candidatures such as having served previously as a councillor for a minimum of two years and/or agreeing to attend compulsory training on being elected Mayor.

Leon Walker

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