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No 16**

## **2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

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The Inquiry,  
NSW Electoral Commission,  
GPO Box 832,  
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Dear Inquiry,

I wish to put a case to the Inquiry about rate payers having a right to vote as a Non-Resident, at Council Elections.

I pay fairly substantial rates to two rural councils. I actively participate with both Councils, and they both expect me to pay my rates, so I should have the right to vote in both Council Elections.

Surely a "rate payers Nominee roll" provided by Council at each election would be sufficient to allow those in this predicament to have their right to vote. It is pretty embarrassing to turn up at Council election booths and to have to argue that you are a rate payer, but they deny you a vote. Can we have the same discretion 'No Voting Rights, No Rates To Pay?'

Councils during their scrutineering would be able to vindicate, and authorise the vote entitlement for inclusions into the count.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]