

2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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Dear Mr Rowell

Re: Submission – Committee on Electoral Matters Inquiry into the 2012 Local Government Elections

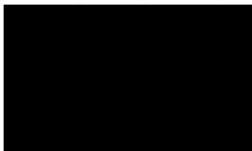
Further to your call for feedback on the 2012 Local Government Election process the consensus amongst the Councillors at Ballina Shire Council is that the requirement for an audit certificate to be completed by a registered company auditor is unreasonable and arduous, particularly in regional areas due to the expense involved, the low financial threshold and the difficulty in identifying a service provider. For example in Ballina Shire we only have one registered company auditor.

Our recommendation, to address this issue, is that the following options be considered:

- a) Lift the monetary threshold for this requirement or
- b) Lift the monetary threshold, however for the existing threshold to the new threshold, the requirement be for a qualified auditor to complete the audit, rather than a registered company auditor. This would provide more opportunities for that service to be provided at a lower cost for smaller expenditure levels and still result in the same level of accountability.

We look forward to your consideration of this proposal.

Yours faithfully



Cr David Wright
Mayor