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## **2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

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NO ONE should be allowed to stand for Council unless they actually LIVE in the area. Owning a business should not be allowed either. I think, in my opinion, it could be a conflict of interest as they could potentially make a decision that could be beneficial to their own business and not the surrounding residents. Living in the local area is vital so that all decisions made affect them and their community. To be able to make decisions and drive out of the area and go back to your little piece land and not be affected by any decisions you made is quite frankly immoral.

The decision to be able to stand for council while not living in the area is made by the General Manager of that Council. This should be abolished immediately, especially when the General Manager does not live in the area either.

The counting system needs to be overhauled. For someone to get another's votes is again morally wrong. We are encouraged to run tickets then let those on the tickets win. When you can get back on council with as little as 500 odd votes is simply wrong.