

**Submission  
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## **2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

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- 1.No pre polling or limit to maximum 1 week at 1 location only. Postal votes are sufficient to cover voters away on polling day.
2. Fine for not voting should be the same amount as for State and Federal Elections.
2. Candidates should live in the LGA where they are candidates and this should be strictly enforced.
3. Electoral expenditure cap for individual and group expenditure should be raised to \$5000 each without the need for an auditor.
4. Electoral Expenditure returns should be capable of being lodged soon after the election if the candidate anticipates no more expenditure. In the event there is more expenditure, candidate can lodge an updated return. Candidates should not have to wait until the end of the financial year to lodge these returns.
5. Members of political parties should NOT be allowed to have the word Independent next to their name on the ballot paper.
6. There should not only be a limit on the size of posters at booths on election day, there should also be a limit on actual number. Some candidates plaster the booths with dozens of posters leaving no room for others.
7. Councillor allowances are too low and do not attract enough candidates of a high calibre. Councillors fees should also be loaded by additional allowances for those who sit on additional committees.
8. Councillor attendance at Council Meetings, Information Sessions and other committee meetings and the like should be recorded and published in a table in the Annual Report similar to a publicly listed company's Annual Report.