

**Submission
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**PREFERENCE COUNTING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS IN NSW**

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The computer count of votes in the Yass Council election of 2016 produced a result that would not have occurred if a non random counting procedure was in place, ie counting all vote preferences from a successful candidate and distributing the excess pro rata rather than a distribution based on a random sampling. This defective system denied me a win at the election - I should have been elected sixth of nine councillors, if the will of the electorate had been properly assessed. The result was undemocratic.