

***Individual submission by Mayor Darryn Lyons, City of Greater Geelong***

Dear Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity of providing an individual submission for the current review.

The City of Greater Geelong is submitting separately. For that separate submission, feedback was sought from Councillors, Chief Executive Officers and Council staff in respect to the appropriate balance between State Government oversight and Council autonomy; level of prescription and enforcement required in legislation and whether there is the opportunity to reduce unnecessary prescription within the Act.

In Chapter 4, page 43, of the Discussion Paper, reference is made to the election arrangements for both the Mayor of Geelong and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

The leadership and civic vision in Geelong is vital for the city's future.

This can best be delivered by amending the City of Greater Geelong Act 1993 to reflect the City of Melbourne Act 2001 as it relates to the election of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor and the election of Councillors.

In my submission, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor should be elected as a team on the one ballot paper.

Further, each Mayoral leadership team should be able to run a ticket of Councillor candidates identifying that group with the name of the Mayoral team.

This should be done on a Senate style ballot paper with the ability to vote above the line as is the case for the City of Melbourne.

In my submission, this approach will promote a stable Council and a Council committed to teamwork. And one that has a focus on a strategic approach to ensure a prosperous and harmonious future for Geelong as a 21<sup>st</sup> century smart city.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in the review.

Regards

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