

Local Government have toooo much power!!

Local Government do not seem to work for Rate Payers as they did decades ago.

My submission regarding Local Government should include,

1. Stripping certain powers from all Local Governments. Ever since the amalgamation of Councils in the Kennett years of State Government, Councils have become extremely powerful, with no regard to ratepayers issues.
2. Have a State Government Department (NOT VCAT) to look into their operations regarding over-development and not Developer or a Planning Expert along the lines of Roz Hansen!! It should be a mixture of people from all walks of life!!
3. Cape Councillors wages. They get paid tooo much.... and for what.
4. Cape Rates. Rates are NOT going to fixing Roads, Streets and Pavements.
5. Have a special State Department to look into the repairs of Streets and Roads and Pavements. There are pot holes everywhere. Not to mention Pavements that need repairing, especially now that the elderly population is increasing!!
6. Cut the number of Councillors. There are far too many councillors.
7. Developers families should not be allowed to become Councillors or work in Council Planning Departments. Conflict of interest!!!
This I believe is happening in Moreland.
8. The Council Planning Department have tooo much Power and it should be toned down. Some powers need to be given to Ratepayers. Although you are entitled to send submissions in, Council do not take note, period.
9. The need of the State Government to audit Councils over the repairing of Streets, Roads and Pavements.

The State Government needs to act promptly and sensibly to the complete overhaul of all Victorian Local Governments.

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