

Proposed Electoral Reform	Comment by Waratah-Wynyard Council
Election and Role of the Deputy Mayor	The Deputy Mayor has an important role in supporting the mayor and councillors and the role should be retained. The role should continue to be directly elected
A better franchise for electors and changes to eligibility to run for office Reform 6: move administration of the ‘general managers’ roll’ from councils to the Tasmanian Electoral Commission, including administration of the process through which land occupier and corporate nominee (supplementary electoral roll) electors are to enrol.	Support for reform 6.
Better quality public information at elections Reform 13: establish that nomination by a registered party is to be included in the information published by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission, and printed on the ballot paper, with the candidate’s name to be printed alongside the name of the registered party.	Support Reform 13
Strengthened donations disclosure and electoral advertising requirements	These reforms were supported
Ineligibility for Office	Commentary made in discussion included disagreement with the proposal that in certain circumstances a Councillor who was stood down would be ineligible to stand again for 7 years. It was considered that an individual should be eligible or not eligible. <i>As this matter is not the subject of the Electoral Bill it has been forwarded separately but included here for the sake of recording Council’s full discussion.</i>
AGM	The governance of an AGM is only referred to in Section 72B of the LG Act and other than the few provisions contained in that section, the Act is silent on the procedures for the proper conduct of an AGM. The ordinary meeting procedures do not apply, and councils are left to rely on the existing Good Practice Guidelines. It would strengthen councils’ ability to govern AGMs if the proposed amendments to the Act were to include sections specifically dealing with the rules for running an AGM. <i>As this matter is not the subject of the Electoral Bill it has been forwarded separately but included here for the sake of recording Council’s full discussion.</i>