**WA State Government’s proposed LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

Dear UBC Member Groups and Supporters, you may find this a useful way to prepare your submission.

Note: I have left all the proposed reforms ion this template. Whilst it is not appropriate for UBC to comment on many (eg how to elect a Mayor), you may find this useful for your own personal submission, independent from your group, when obviously you might like to provide such guidance.

Best wishes,
Colma

**CONSULT CLOSES 25th FEB 2021**(Note: Pushed out from 4/2/22)

**TEMPLATE for DRAFT ANALYSIS & COMMENT** (note for a change there is not an ONLINE SUBMISION process …. but via e-mail!!)

**LG REFORM: Theme 1 – Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties**

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| **Ref.** | **Proposal** | **Support** | **Neutral or N/A** | **Do NOT Support** | **COMMENTS** | **IMPROVEMENTS** |
| 1a | The LG Inspector |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1b | LG Monitors |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1c | Stronger penalties |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1d | Mandatory Training |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1e | Rapid Red Card Resolutions |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1f | Other Amendments |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Theme 1: OTHER COMMENTS** |

**LG REFORM: Theme 2 – Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity**

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| 2a | Standardised Meeting Procedures across all Local Governments |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2b | Greater Consistency for Small Business |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2c | Streamlining Local Laws Local laws |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2d | Creating Flexibility to Enable Resource-Sharing |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2e | Standardising Residential Crossovers/Driveways |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Theme 2: OTHER COMMENTS** |

**LG REFORM: Theme 3 – Great transparency and accountability**

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| 3a | Mandatory Recording of Council Meetings |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3b | Guidance for Confidential Meeting |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3c | Transparency and Accountability |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3d | Transparency of CEO Key Performance Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3e | Consistent Recording of all Votes |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Theme 3: OTHER COMMENTS** |

**LG REFORM: Theme 4 – Stronger local democracy and community engagement**

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| 4a | Direct Election of the Mayor or President |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4b | Preferential voting |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4c | Consistent Number of Elected Members |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4d | No Wards for Small Local Governments Wards |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4e | Reforms to Ensure Valid Candidate and Voter Eligibility |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4f | Community Engagement Charter |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4g | Other Amendments |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Theme 4: OTHER COMMENTS** |

**LG REFORM: Theme 5 – Clearer Roles and Responsibilities**

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| 5a | Principles |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5b | Communication agreements |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5c | Elected members |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5d | Statewide Caretaker period |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5e | Superannuation allowances |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5f | CEO recruitment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5g | The role of CEOs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5h | WALGA no longer consulted under the *LG Act 1995* |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Theme 5: OTHER COMMENTS** |

**LG REFORM: Theme 6 – Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties**

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| 6a | Model Financial Statements |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6b | Rates and Revenue Policy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6c | Reforms for Financial Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6d | Credit Card Statements Publicly Reported to Council |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6e | Other Minor Reforms |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Theme 6: OTHER COMMENTS** |