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1. Council elections electoral advertising should allow PO Box for the Authorised By footer's address.
2. The Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) should have a candidates' websites area where candidates can upload material for a basic candidates webpage. Note that www.bravenet.com allows a basics website service and something similar and linked to on the TEC Local Government Elections webpage, would be a good idea.
3. The TEC should have less discretion to arbitrarily edit candidates statements. For example, they edited "ALL" to become "all" in my candidate statement for the 2018 West Tamar Council Election. They also edited "the Establishment" to become "the establishment" for my candidate statement for the 2019 George Town Council Byelection. Their discretionary powers are in conflict with the Australian Constitution which says Australians are to enjoy freedom of speech in relation to political matters.
4. Council employees should move from a council after four years (anti-cronyism measure).
5. An independent-of-council contact should be available for those residents/ratepayers in conflict with the council so that such residents/ratepayers can still have concerns anonymously relayed to the council.
6. Mental health checks should be conducted every six months for each council's CEO and their councillors. This is particularly relevant to those council areas which have historically had orcharding lead arsenate extensively used since building inspectors and other council employees associated with building site activity (where ground is disturbed and possibly resulting in arsenic-laden dust entering the mouths of council employees to have a significant cumulative effect over years of service with the council). Arsenic is known to cause mental health problems. The Tamar Valley has higher than target level of arsenic, frequently observed for the river region from Launceston to Legana according to NRM North's 2016 study of the Tamar River.
7. Councils should only advertise in the Saturday and Wednesday newspapers for Public Notices announcements. They should also accept email subscription requests from the public in relation to the council's Public Notices announcements.
8. The Miscellaneous & Building Regulations of the Local Government Act (Tas) should only permit changes to a subdivisions sealed plan if a Supreme Court Justice considers the change to be essential.
9. Council elections should always have a mayoral debate on the council's local newspaper's website. Some public forum should also be held for councillor candidates to give a three minute oral presentation regarding themselves.
10. Newspapers should always show candidates' submissions two weeks after opening of voting, e.g. a newspaper hardcopy liftout for all councils covered by that newspaper.
11. Newspapers should only edit candidates' submissions if there are inaccuracies or defamatory statements made.
12. Newspapers to hardcopy mail to all council election candidates' electoral roll addresses, submission questions, as well as email these to the email addresses provided by candidates.
13. Newspaper staff who deliberately misrepresent a candidate's submitted material, to be subject to a \$100k fine and/or 5 years jail.
14. Bodies of any seized/destroyed animals should always be available to the owner for seven days after seizure.
15. Notice of intent to seize, should be served by registered mail, not ordinary mail.
16. Council staff to be liable for incompetent/misconduct for ten years after the act in question.