

THE DRAFT BILL CONTAINS SOME PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WHICH MAY CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES TO THE RUNNING OF COUNCILS, AND DIFFICULTIES TO SOME COUNCILLORS.

The local Government Act does not require that council candidates be literate. Some may well not be, even though they may be very, very, capable people. Remember Griffiths University recent studies show that 50% of adult Tasmanians are functionally illiterate. A shocking, but from my legal experience, a true statistic.

Some councillors live in areas where the internet and mobile phone system has no, or very limited, coverage.

My computer skills are extremely limited, I cannot write except very slowly, and I live on the very edge of phone mobile coverage, even the land line seems to have almost perpetual static no matter how much I complain, and technicians say they have fixed the problem.

To attempt councillors to study for, and sit for exams, even with very good intent in mind, may well deter many a good council candidate from standing for election..

Someone once said, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions"

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