

OSCAR President

From: OSCAR President <president@oscar.org.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 11:24
To: 'Tim Dunne'
Subject: OSCAR response to Belcarra recommendations
Attachments: OSCAR response to DLGRMA re Belcarra recommendations.pdf

Dear Tim

Please find attached our response to the recommendations from Operation Belcarra that you flagged prior to our meeting, namely 1-7, 18, 19 and 22.

I have also included comments on recommendations 17, 20, 23 and 31 for your information.

In relation to other issues (separate from our list of further reforms which we will provide to you at a later time) that we canvassed yesterday I would like to note the following:

- We believe a 4 year term for local and state governments remains the best option; this allows stability and the capacity for longer term planning and while it is too long to endure a “bad” council we have faith in other mechanisms for dealing with serious mal-administration at the LG level.
- We favour full preferential voting (FPV) for LG elections for both divided and undivided councils; this is essential for consistency across and within jurisdictions and best allows for the fullest expression of a voter’s intention re preferred candidate or candidates.
- Our strong preference is for a \$200 reporting threshold for gifts and donations (individual instance or once cumulative instances exceed this threshold). We believe that a \$500 limit may be more acceptable to all stakeholders and would reluctantly accept that outcome.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information or clarification of anything we have submitted.

Best wishes ... Greg

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