

Hello,

I decided to write in and give my opinion about Councils.

This is what I think ought to happen to make change to Councils,

1) **Abolish Councils**, I think that Councils should become Departments of State Government, for example **City Of Port Phillip** would then become **Department Of Port Phillip**.

2) **All Roads and Streets should come under the jurisdiction of Vic Roads**. Roads and Street have so many pot holes these days that it is dangerous for drivers, motorcyclists and cyclists. So much for safety! Repairing pot holes and footpaths should be a priority! But it's not!

3) **All Councillors** should have wages set by the State Government.

4) **There should** be a limit of how many Councillors a Council should have.

5) **We shouldn't** have to pay for parks and gardens in our rates. Not all people use parks and gardens!

6) **Councils have gone overboard** with speed humps! There is one street that speed humps continue for at least a kilometre.

This is Not a good idea as speed humps slow down emergency vehicles such as Ambulances and Fire Engines to arrive at the scene as quickly as possible.... every second counts!!

7) **We need a major overhaul of local councils**... they are out of control, as seen recently with the Council Of Casey. This probably happens in other councils as well, it just hasn't yet surfaced!

8) Planning Rights should be taken away from Councils and should be given to the State Government. This will take away the possibility of property developers bribing Councillors.

Not long ago I rang the local Council and suggested that they implement some safety changes to their shopping district car park. I mentioned 3 things. Their response was, Keep it to minimum as they would just ignore it altogether! So, is this how Councils work!

About pot holes, Rate Payers actually have to call in pot holes, so now rate payers are doing the Councils jobs of identifying where pot holes are...Councils should have people driving around noting down where pot holes are!

Some of the Roads and Streets of Council look like an abandoned city where weeds are growing rapidly in gutters and along roads and streets. And they are not removed.

Abolishing Councils would make Councils and Councillors more accountable for their actions! Having a third tier of Government just isn't working, all that happens is rates just keep on increasing.

Councils should **NOT** have a lot of power and should be working for Rate Payers **NOT** developers!

Councils are not prioritising what is most important, as with the repairing of Roads and Streets and footpaths and also as with the line marking of Roads and Streets! Just check the roads and streets were the majority of line marks have almost faded! Councils these days are dysfunctional... it wasn't like this 40 years ago!

Thank You.