

2 March 2016

Hon Natalie Hutchins
Minister for Local Government
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Dear Minister

I refer to our letter and submission of 16 December 2015, a further copy of which is attached, and acknowledge receipt of the response from your Department. I was informed that the submission had been passed on to the team reviewing the Act and that there will be further opportunities to make submissions over the next 12 months.

The serious problems that afflict the City of Melbourne elections are plain for all to see, not only as a consequence of the actions of Councillor Doyle but also the very recent publicity about Councillor Ong which illustrates once again the endemic role of money and influence in the voting system.

Our submission urges you to make limited changes to deal with some of these problems and to legislate in time to change the way in which the November election will be conducted. We cannot wait twelve months for these changes and we therefore urge you again to deal with these issues urgently.

We would also appreciate the opportunity of meeting with you in order to explain and discuss our concerns face to face and look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Michael Butcher
President