



**BRRAG**

**Belmont Resident and Ratepayer Action Group Inc.**

*“To provide an effective voice for the people of Belmont”*

7 August 2019

The Mayor and Councillors  
City of Belmont  
Belmont WA 6104

Dear Mayor Marks and Councillors

On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, a Special Council Meeting was held regarding the City of Belmont's submission to the Local Government Review.

There were three alternative councillor motions that were carried (attached)

1. Beneficial Enterprise -Page 1 of the submissions
2. Special Elector Meetings (numbers required) Page 37 of the submissions
3. Improper use of position – Page 45 of the submissions.

Submission Link :

[https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/local-government/local-government-act-review/responses/city-of-belmont.pdf?sfvrsn=8aa244fb\\_2](https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/local-government/local-government-act-review/responses/city-of-belmont.pdf?sfvrsn=8aa244fb_2)

It appears that the amendments that were carried to those three items above were not changed in the submissions. This was discovered earlier today. It was such a shock to see this we have subsequently had five members of BRRAG to check to see if we could be wrong. In essence it would appear that our councillors have been ignored by the Officers and the submission in its original form was sent in to the local government, instead of making your amendments.

As you are aware the review of the Local Government Act is an extremely important piece of legislation. As residents and ratepayers of Belmont, we expect any new legislation is open, transparent and in the best interests of the residents.

You are all elected to represent the electors. As such we would like you to investigate this matter and provide us with a written response within seven days. In the event this is not forthcoming, we will be taking the matter up with the Minister of Local Government, so we can get a satisfactory response.

In the event that the changes you asked for have not been included, as the staff of the City of Belmont are under the direction of the CEO, it becomes his direct responsibility. Therefore, due to the importance of this document it would be appropriate his employment is reviewed. We have already brought to your attention Mr Christie's failure to provide us a copy of his employment contract when first requested in April and as recently as last week, we have been advised that we are unable to put a copy of the Public Question Time recordings on our website due to copyright.

In an election year, it is particularly important to the electorate to know, that when matters such as this are brought to your attention our elected members will act accordingly. The expectation of the residents is that our elected members are properly representing them.

Please be advised this letter will be made available to the residents of Belmont on the BRRAG website as will any response to this letter.

Kindest regards  
Lisa Hollands  
Chairperson BRRAG

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