

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed two recent articles I have published in regard to the proposed Advisory Council.

Please note that although I am a Member of the State Administrative Tribunal, I make these submissions in my capacity as an *Adjunct Professor: Curtin Law School (Perth)*.

The essence of my recommendations can be summarised as follows:

1. The Advisory Council should be created by Statute and not by the Constitution.
2. The powers and functions of the Advisory Council must be clarified to ensure it does not become a 'toy telephone'.
3. The electoral system should be a ward (geographical) system rather than proportional.
4. Voting should take place by self-identification without any test of 'Aboriginality'.
5. Voting should be free with no obligation to participate.
6. No record should be kept of who cast a vote.
7. No person should be excluded from other elections for reason of having participated in an election for the Council.

I would be delighted to answer questions or give evidence in regard to my papers or the topic.

Kind regards

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