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To Whom it may concern:

The attached is a synopsis of my dealing with the Sorell Council over some seven years. In essence the difficulties concerned and still at large apply to not only Sorell but most, if not all, local councils. Standards are low, efficiency an issue and cultures are unbecoming service bodies.

General Managers reign supreme, often negating the wishes of councillors and this is well illustrated by development sub committee's lacking enough courage to argue with council planners and request modifications, or heaven forbid veto the application and management recommendations.

It is my view that whilst the number of councils is an important issue so too is the quality of both elected representatives and council management.

The quality of elected members leaves much to be desired.

Because of the culture of imbalance which exists in many councils' rate payers at large view their councils in a negative light.

Further, the threat of long winded and possibly costly appeals to Tascat often negates adverse decisions for applications.

I believe the attached points out many of substandard performances of councils and need modification in all aspects.

My views are based on dealing with most of Tasmania's councils over a period exceeding

30 years from a standpoint of being a tourism operator/ developer, a Director of the Tourism Industry Council, Chair of the South and North West regional Tourism boards, Director Royal Agricultural Society and many other relevant experiences.

I avail myself for any further information or provision of details.

Sincerely

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