



Electing your Mayor

How should the Mayor of Kalamunda be elected?

The City of Kalamunda is seeking the opinion of its community on the method of election of the Mayor.

- ▶ At this time the City has made no decision and is seeking feedback from the community that will assist it to formulate its position.
- ▶ In considering the question for the change of method of election of the City of Kalamunda Mayor, the following summary of the case for and against is provided:

Election of the Mayor by the Councillors (current)

Those in favour may argue:	Those against may argue:
A double selection process, with the person being elected to Council prior to being eligible for election as the Mayor gives more rigour to the selection process.	It does not provide ratepayers and residents with the direct vote from the election and may support the development of factions on Council.
Councillors may have better knowledge of a potential Mayor's experience, capacity and capability.	The ratepayers and residents may vote for a person who is considered independent and therefore not influenced by previous Council experience.
An election by the Councillors can enhance the leadership of the Mayor and the cohesiveness of the Council.	The Mayor could be said to be more answerable to the community if popularly elected.
If the Mayor is elected on a two (2) year cycle it enables change at more frequent intervals.	The more frequent change can potentially cause some disruption to council cohesiveness.
A two (2) year review of the Mayor's performance is suitable and can be achieved if the Mayor is elected by Council.	The term of office of four (4) years gives continuity in the Mayor overseeing the Council's objectives, goals and strategies.

Election of the Mayor by the ratepayers and residents

Those in favour may argue:	Those against may argue:
It enhances democracy as the ratepayers and residents have a direct say in the person who leads Council.	The ratepayers and residents may have less knowledge of a potential Mayor's experience, capacity and capability than fellow Councillors.
The Mayor could be said to be more answerable to the community if popularly elected.	If the Mayor does not have the support of the rest of Council, the result could be difficulty in Council making decisions.
It provides continuity as Councillors cannot remove a directly elected Mayor for four (4) years.	Councillors may be best positioned to know who is most suitable for the role of Mayor and can make adjustments at the two (2) year interval.
The Mayor may be more mindful of ratepayers' and residents' views.	The Mayor may put individual Councillor concerns ahead of the interest of the ratepayers and residents.
The term of office of four (4) years gives continuity in the Mayor overseeing Council's objectives, goals and strategies.	A two (2) year election process could constitute a better process for a review of a Mayor's performance.

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Section 2.11 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides for two different methods by which a Mayor can be elected, either:

1. Elected by electors of the District (ie. ratepayers and residents); or
2. Elected by the Council from amongst the Councillors.

The City of Kalamunda Mayor is currently elected by Council every two (2) years, following the Local Government Ordinary Elections.

Do you support changing the method of election of the City of Kalamunda Mayor, from the current method of election by the Council/Councillors, to elected by the electors of the District (ie. ratepayers and residents)? Yes No

Why? (Please explain your selection).

About You

Name

Email Suburb

Phone

Age Under 25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 66-75 Over 76

Are you Male Female Other Prefer not to say

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