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**Dear Select Committee Members** 

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Local Electoral (Advertising) Amendment Bill.

Hamilton City Council strongly supports the Bill. The added flexibility it will bring to the control of election advertising will greatly enhance the safety of candidates and the families, whilst still ensuring proper accountability.

I note that in their submission, Taituarā flag the need for greater investment into civic education, to ensure that everyone in Aotearoa understands the true meaning and value of democracy and feels empowered to play their role in it. This is something Hamilton City Council has called for previously, and would certainly support.

Yours sincerely

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