



Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Local Government,

May I humbly request you do not proceed with recommending to this nation that Local Councils be recognized as Australia's third tier of government. For I am of the view, like many other Aussies I have spoken with, that Australia is already over-governed. There has been much discussion in the past to rationalise Australia's system of government by abolishing State Governments altogether, with which view I concur. There has also been considerable success in rationalising the number of municipal councils across Victoria in the past, yet this concept ought I believe be taken even further. Given the flexibility and extent of modern-day technology, a nation's central government ought to be able to comfortably establish and manage unified national laws and administrative processes to ensure the Aussie way of life is continuously improved, whilst ensuring maximum return on revenue expenditure and outstanding policy effectiveness.

The Australian Government also has an opportunity, once it gets its own nation's governmental system in order, to export its governmental model and system to other nations, especially those in our own region like New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, East Timor, Papua and New Guinea, Tongan Islands; or alternatively to federate and unite under the Union Jack and the Southern Cross, to become the seven (7) member nations (compared with the present seven federated member states and territories) of the seven pointed star of Federation.

In summary, I believe a totally new model for Australia's government is required, one which unifies every geographical area of this land and all our people from their diverse ethnic backgrounds across the entirety of this land. The model for this needs to be light at the top (leadership and management wise), yet fully representative and unifying of the true needs and worthwhile aspirations of its people (participatory and discernment wise).

May our Lord God bless you each one to discern the best way ahead for our great nation, and lead you into making the right and proper collective decision on this matter for this time.

Yours faithfully,

Anthony Moore