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I write to signify my opposition to spending Australia's scant financial resources on such a wasteful exercise as a referendum to attempt to formalise a third tier of Government within our constitution. Australia is over governed as it is and as the majority of Australians perceive it to be. Referendums were taken In 1974 and 1988 and in both instances were unsuccessful , so why would we expect a different conclusion this time. I think it was Einstein who said that the proof of an insane person is someone who does the same thing repeatedly and expects a different result. Australians are neither insane or stupid and I am STRONGLY opposed to wasteful spending the \$millions necessary to prove the same outcome.

Not only am I opposed to a third tier of Government but I question the propriety of Councils to refer to themselves as Local " Government" They are merely administrators acting on the behalf of ratepayers and should never be referred to as "Government" and should be referred to as LOCAL Administrators.

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