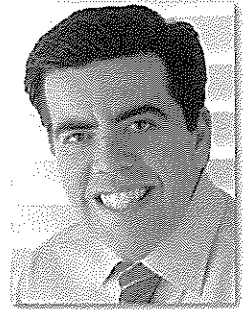




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Ms Michelle Rowland
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Submission No. 248
Date Received: 26/02/2013

Dear Ms Rowland

I write to you in your capacity as Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government (the Committee).

I understand that Brisbane City Council did not put in a submission, nor did our Council appear at any hearing during the drafting of the Committee's Preliminary Report.

For this reason, I would like to put on the record that Labor Councillors in Brisbane City support the recommendations that a referendum take place on Constitutional recognition for local Governments.

I understand that the Committee will meet tomorrow to further discuss the option of a referendum so that local Governments, like Brisbane City Council can be formally and financially recognized in the Constitution.

As Leader of the Opposition of the largest Council in Australia, I offer my support for the Committee's recommendations and have submitted a formal motion (attached) on the Brisbane City Council agenda calling for Brisbane City Council to offer the Australian Government their full support for a referendum.

It is my sincere hope that the Lord Mayor and other Councillors support my motion and support Constitutional recognition of local Government this year.

I appreciate the work you and your Committee are undertaking in standing up for local Governments in Australia and I look forward to helping in any way as we work together to progress this important and historic referendum.

Yours sincerely

Milton Dick
Councillor for Richlands Ward
Leader of the Opposition

NOTICE OF MOTION

For Council meeting held Tuesday 19 February 2013

That the Brisbane City Council takes an active role in supporting a referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Local Government.

This Council recognises this is an historic step for Local Government in Australia and calls on the Federal Government to hold a referendum alongside the 2013 Federal election.

Brisbane City Council supports a favourable outcome for Local Governments across Australia.

Moved

Councillor Milton Dick
Councillor for Richlands Ward
Leader of the Opposition

Seconded

Councillor Helen Abrahams
Councillor for The Gabba Ward
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
