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Dear Secretary,

As a private individual, I would like to make a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on constitutional recognition of local councils.

Whilst I concur with the following I must add that local councils are **NOT** local government and never have been. Local councils do not have an authority to collect taxes, and all charges by councils are taxes, and the receiver of public monies **must** put all monies received into the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be drawn from Treasury only by way of Appropriation Bills that are enacted as legislation by the respective State government. This does not happen, and has never happened. Spending money collected without following the law is criminal.

The first and most important submission is that an extension of time be given for public submissions on this very important issue as our local council at Brisbane has not informed me at any stage of the committees acceptance of submissions from the public. Our local council for all intents and purposes, has led me to believe that there would be no public consultation process and that submissions were only being sought from local councils. This is a clear breach of duty, accountability and transparency on the part of my local council and for this reason an extension of time would not only be the right thing to do, but may also serve to re-instate the public's faith in local councils.

The second part of my submission is to reject outright any recommendations for a referendum to be held on the issue of constitutional recognition of local councils and in fact local council which is incorrectly referred to as local government, have already put on for public display their arrogance, their complete disregard for the rights of their constituencies and have become our masters instead of our servants.

Instead of serving the local communities as was the case in the past, they are lording over the communities and usurping our sovereignty with accountability it seems, to no-one; including those who voted for them. They are becoming a law unto themselves. This of course is a

completely unacceptable set of circumstances in a so called democracy.

After much research, it seems that all of this comes down to an agenda (Agenda 21) on the part of the United Nations, a foreign entity, dictating their terms of governance through private membership organisations such as the MAV and ALGA and pushing this through local councils in Australia.

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My research included reading the transcript from the committees meeting on the 16th January 2013 that made it clear that making such a recognition for local government in our constitution, as rightfully pointed out by Professor Twomey; - will fracture this important document and render Australians defenceless against a new system of governance that could see the emergence of a dictatorship.

This will not be tolerated or glossed over and should be seen for what it is.

Here are some facts to consider that have led me to this conclusion and I recommend that if time allows, that you watch the videos made by Australians as presented in the order below to get a broader understanding of the view of myself and many of those in my community. It would be pertinent to preface this with some of the research I have done.

In "*The Annotated Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth*" by Quick & Garran, wherever "local government" is mentioned, it is actually referring to the State. This is about as "local" as local government gets. Local councils have planted the seed/idea that they are "local government" and this seems to have been accepted as a national truth, but it is a national **lie**. Local government is the State. Always has been and always will be.

The 1988 Referendum did not ask if we wanted local councils to be recognised as local government and confer some of the powers of the State to local councils, but rather it asked if we wanted to confer powers of the State upon local government. That might not seem like a big deal at first glance, so let me elaborate by explaining.

The referendum question was **NOT** actually a question, but was in a "legal" sense, a national statement/notice to the public. The notice being that local councils are local government – that is a public notice that they are a State. So when the question follows; do we want to give local government or confer upon local government the powers of the State, our response was **irrelevant** because if we accepted the question as is; that is that they are "local government", so by default they already have the powers of the State. Achieved simply because no-one challenged the question!

The videos and the information below clearly demonstrates the totality of the arrogance of local councils and it is clear that local councils ability to make laws at will is because they

have all the powers of the State and are considered a State in all but name. The exception being (and a very important one) that local councils, unlike the States in our constitution, don't have any of the burden of recognizing our rights or being accountable to anyone, nor the restrictions as laid down in the constitution for our current States. The only restrictions are those as provided in the Local Government Act and even those are thumbed at by local council.

"Financial recognition" is the last loophole they need to legitimize and consolidate their power. How? Our constitution only allows direct federal funding to the States and the 1974 referendum confirmed this. Only the States can receive direct federal funding. If we allow financial recognition of local councils,

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which we have now tacitly accepted as being local government (a State) and then we add to this financial recognition (a right only conferred to States) this will close the final gap in legitimizing themselves as a "mini" States. What then? A super-state is the only logical next step.

We are at a crossroads and must not allow under any circumstances the constitutional recognition of local councils. This is a serious matter and **this must not happen** as it will totally and utterly destroy and last vestige of rights conferred to the people of Australia under *An Act to Constitute the Commonwealth of Australia 1900 (UK) 63 & 64 Victoria Ch. 12.*

Information/Video's in order

1. The Municipal Association of Victoria and their alignment with the United Nations an Agenda 21 <http://www.mav.asn.au/search/Results.aspx?k=United%20nations>
2. What's the problem with Agenda 21? Everything! The independent member of Parliament for the Legislative Council of South Australia, the Hon Ann Bressington Exposes the truth about Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development at the Lord Monckton Launch 2 Feb 2013 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sES6_OXPwOU
3. Pirates of The Suburbs - Destroying Communities - Early January 2013 - How local councils are a law unto themselves and are stripping communities of their wealth, their dignity and their rights. This video represents the blatant arrogance and the usurpation of the rights of the constituents by local councils in Australia. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4Lnze7O22g>
4. An interview with Max Igan - Connecting the dots and your Local Council - 3rd Feb 2013 <http://www.thecrowhouse.com/020813.html>

Sincerely,

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