

RIDDOCH WARD COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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Dear Frank

Re: Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting

The Riddoch Ward Community Consultative Committee has discussed this inquiry and wishes to make the following points:

1. The current funding arrangements for Local Government which depend on a property tax are inequitable and far more revenue should be made available from income tax and GST. Currently non-property owners do not contribute to services they use directly from Federal Government.
2. Levels of responsibility need strictly redefining and funding for services derived directly from Federal Government.
3. Education, health, roads and the environment would be more efficiently administered regionally with priorities well defined and funded directly from government.
4. Unlike Boards, Councils are directly elected by the community and should be the peak bodies of the regions.
5. Councils, if well funded, could assume many State Government responsibilities.
6. This Council is spending large amounts on health services which should be funded by either Federal or State Governments.

We hope these comments may be of assistance to Council in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Anne Petersen
SECRETARY.

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