



Presentment to the House of Representatives joint select Committee on the Constitutional recognition of Local Government.

Members of the committee.

I strongly object to the Constitutional recognition of Local Government. It is my personal experience that Local Government is nothing more than a bunch of sub contractors with a financial interest (ABN) in

the creation, manipulation, and abuse of legislative powers. In professions and trades there is a designated training program in which a person advances through training stages directly related to position.

In Local Government a person can walk into a senior departmental position with a business management qualification or similar, which has no bearing or relationship to the experience required for the

complex formulation of legislation pertinent to the amenity and lawful rights of the citizens of the State. Until the State of Victoria commits itself to a comprehensive training program which will educate Council Officers and bring about a uniform

acknowledgement throughout the entire State to the legislative requirements, then Local Government can be considered to be nothing more than a bunch of renegades with little more than self interest at heart.

I also ask that the Committee re-assess it's commitment to achieving a fair and honest appraisal of the wishes of the people, by adjusting the closing date for submissions by the people and making known extensively

the availability of the process for objection in all regional media, including electronic. The seriousness of this matter demands total commitment to an honest outcome.

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