



Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Local Government,

It is my will to declare that I do not want you to undertake the task of holding a referendum to ask whether Local Councils should have financial recognition in Australia's Constitution.

Frankly, the extension of councils to that of Federal Government is not only a move towards greater levels of draconian policy but will continue to erode the liberties and rights of every day Australians. I find it fascinating that any member would allow or even consider a further extension of government size in this great land and believe that we as a nation will not, and can not endure even more governmental control.

Australia's constitution already allows for two tiers of government and this system has been proven to be effective and democratic but by allowing structures such as councils to obtain government recognition will only further ensure that the energy of the citizens of Australia is further exhausted.

If indeed it is your intention to improve the quality of life for Australians, my suggestion would be to eliminate councils entirely and force the people who work for them to get real jobs. By doing so we could also reduce the otherwise high rates (specifically rubbish removal service), that is totally over priced and under valued.

As a parent and citizen in this country I feel that the liberties of every day Australians is under attack and believe that giving local government more power will only aid in the otherwise endless slope towards totalitarianism.

Thank you for your time and wishing you a wonderful day.

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**David Sparrius**