

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Question: 105

Topic: Constitutional Recognition of Local Government - Submissions

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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- a) Can members of the community make submissions?
- b) What is the process for making submissions and when are they due in by?
- c) How is this advertised?

Answer:

- a) All community members could make a submission to the Expert Panel before submissions closed on 4 November 2011 via any of the methods outlined below in (b).
- b) Submissions could have been submitted through a range of mediums including:
 - hand delivery to Panel members/Secretariat at community meetings;
 - web-survey
 - short comment form on the Expert Panel's website www.localgovrecognition.gov.au
 - letter attachment to an online submission;
 - email; or
 - mail.

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- c) The Expert Panel advertised its purpose and consultation process, and invited all Australians to have their say through a variety of mediums including:
- advertisements in the early general news section of the major national, metropolitan and regional newspapers;
 - editorial offered to local government associations and national press;
 - establishing a website www.localgovrecognition.gov.au;
 - media releases distributed widely to press, TV and radio media outlets and responding to requests for interviews; and
 - regular messages sent via Twitter and Facebook.