

# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

**3.8** The committee recommends that the Queensland government reimburse Mr Hayward, Chief Executive Officer of Tambo Shire Council, in recognition of the expenses he incurred in funding its plebiscite in an effort to give the community a say and to protect its councillors from punitive fines and dismissal. Failing that, the committee recommends that the Commonwealth government, consistent with its policy of funding local government plebiscites in Queensland, consider reimbursing Mr Hayward.

## Recommendation 2

**3.53** The committee recommends that the Commonwealth government should continue dialogue with local government to ascertain and clarify the objectives and form of any constitutional recognition. A future referendum should only be held once local government has a clear and unified view of the purpose and form of constitutional recognition.

## Recommendation 3

**3.98** The committee recommends that the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee conduct an inquiry into the social, economic and other impacts of the amalgamation process at a suitable time after the council amalgamations are implemented.

## Recommendation 4

**3.102** The committee recommends that the bill be passed.

