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From: Robert Bauer

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To: Committee, FPA (SEN)

Subject: Commonwealth Electoral Amendment {Democratic Plebiscites} Bill 2007

I hereby register the support of the Isisford Shire Council for the above Bill. The Isisford Shire Council was devastated that the Queensland State Government could legislate to stop electors having their Democratic say. We hear of these practices in other 3rd World Countries Not Australia. We feel that if the vote on amalgamations shows that a majority of Electors do NOT require amalgamation, then a further Bill should be introduced or this one amended to OVERRIDE the Draconian legislation introduced by the Queensland Government under the smoke screen of Financial Sustainability when it appears it was all about Unions and placing Council Employees under State Awards instead of Workchoices. {A copy of our submission to the Local Government Reform Commission registering our total opposition of amalgamation is attached for your information}.

We are also joining with other affected Councils in the area who are submitting a joint submission. We will also be part of the joint deputation.

Our Deputy Mayor {Mrs} Ailsa Bond will be attending the public hearing in Emerald on the 31st August, 2007. This will involve a 10 hour round trip to attend.

Robert M. Bauer
Chief Executive Officer
Isisford Shire Council
23rd August, 2007.