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To: Committee, FPA (SEN)

Subject: Forced sacking of councillors who hold referenda

Good Morning

I would be grateful if you would note my view about Premier Beattie threatening to sack councillors who permit a referendum to go ahead about Council amalgamations. Simply, it is undemocratic. We don't live in old Russia. We no longer live in the Queensland of old under Joe Bjelke-Peterson. I have never done anything political in my life, other than vote at elections. This proposed action, however, has encouraged me to write. It's a terrible situation when Councillors by asking the people in their electorate how they feel about amalgamations risk losing their job. It's embarrassing and I would hate other countries to hear about the lack of democracy here. Can you do something?

**REGARDS,
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