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From: Jon Sullivan

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To: Committee, FPA (SEN)

Subject: COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (DEMOCRATIC PLEBISCITES) BILL 2007

Re: COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (DEMOCRATIC PLEBISCITES) BILL 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Enquiry in support of the subject Bill.

As a candidate for election in an electorate including Shires affected by the Queensland Government Local Authority amalgamations I wish to place on record my support for the course of action advocated by the Federal Labor Party, and its leader Kevin Rudd, since May of this year when the issue first arose.

- At that time Mr Rudd stated that voters ought to have the opportunity to express their views by way of a referendum.
- He also expressed the view that there was a need to investigate other mechanisms that would assist 'at risk' Local Authorities remain viable.

Subsequently, and after a number of public statements from the Prime Minister, the Government has chosen to introduce legislation to facilitate local plebiscites, which I give my support.

Yours faithfully,

Jon Sullivan

Labor Candidate For Longman

24th August, 2007