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From: Peter Franks

Sent: Tuesday, 4 September 2007 4:01 PM

To: Masters, Michael (SEN)

Cc: Records

Subject: Possible Referendum, Plebiscite, or Poll

Dear Michael

Attached please find a copy of the Motion that was moved at Livingstone Shire Council's August General Meeting following a Mayoral minute in this regard.

regards

Peter Franks

Chief Executive Officer

Livingstone Shire Council

Cr. Ludwig/Cr. Dorey:

- 1. That, in view of community concern and anger at the extraordinary and undemocratic actions of the Beattie Labor State Government in legislating to deny the people of Livingstone and indeed the people of Queensland their democratic right to have a say on the recommendations of the State Government appointed Local Government Reform Commission, Livingstone Shire Council join with the Local Government Association of Queensland and other concerned Councils in declaring our intention to give our communities a voice by accepting the Federal Government offer to hold an official Referendum, Plebiscite, or Poll to be conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission at no direct cost to Council or the ratepayers of Livingstone Shire.**
- 2. That Council formally register, on behalf of the community, Council's grave concerns at the rushed process employed by the State Government in both setting up the Local Government Reform Commission and implementation of its recommendations without appropriate due diligence and in the absence of either empirical or qualitative data to demonstrate economic, environmental or social benefit to either the community of Livingstone or the region as a whole.**
- 3. Further, that once enabling Federal legislation is enacted and the State Government's improper threats and intimidation to sack Councils who stand-up for their community's right to freely express an opinion on the matter by Referendum, Plebiscite, or Poll have been removed or negated, the Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to co-ordinate such Referendum, Plebiscite, or Poll in conjunction with the LGAQ and other Councils on a date agreed to by all parties, including the Australian Electoral Commission.**

Carried.