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Dear Sir, Reference: Post Shifting onto Local  
Government.

There are few of us who take an interest  
in Local Government affairs apart from complaints,  
but those of us who do try to understand and  
participate it is becoming increasingly obvious  
that both State & Federal Governments are  
abrogating their duties and responsibilities without  
consultation either to Councils or the Ratepayers  
or making payment to cover the extra costs incurred.

It is I suppose understood in a general  
way by us all just what Councils are  
responsible for. I call these housekeeping  
obligations or duties. Some are the  
agency work which includes collecting and  
passing on and these are listed on our  
Rates Notices.

My concerns have increased when  
one sees the wider range of things which  
Councils have to absorb eg.

- Transport Issues
- Health Issues - Vaccinations
- Waste management - Issues
- Public Safety - drug related issues
- Fire Management -
- Vandalism - Graffiti
- Waste management
- Dog Act
- Environment work issues

Recreation  
Publicity + Education

Some of these of course border on the housekeeping type responsibilities but with growth trends these have become major issues for councils to face.

I realize that peoples expectations have grown (sometimes unrealistically) without feeling that they should pay (traditional thinking I expect) but councils have up to now answered these demands as a public service.

As our population ages and we have an increasing number of welfare dependents so have the discount costs allowed. Some of these as I understand it are repaid to councils but not all.

Perhaps my thoughts and understanding of these issues are fairly simple yet I would appreciate being able to attend and maybe participate in the hearing.

Yours Sincerely  
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