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Committee Secretary Joint Standing Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Gavernment Department of House of Representatives Parliamnet House Canberra

Submission To The Committee

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The first thing the Committee needs to do is to study the Australian Constitution with respect to "local government" and it should find that "local government" is already constitutionally recognized. So why have a committee to examine something that is already in place and is working properly? The local governments recognized in the Constitution are the already existing State governments e.g. NSW State Government headed by Premier Barry O'Farrell.

Over recent years, local councils, that have been elected by citizens of cities, towns, shires, municipalities, etc, have erroneously referred to themselves as "local government". But they're not! Local councils referring to themselves as "local government" are currently perpetrating fraud because they are not "local government" and this Committee ought to insist that they cease and desist immediately. There is immense wisdom in the ancient axiom "If it is not broken, then do not fix it". That is the case with the existing arrangement of Local Councils under the control of Local State Governments. Local councils have a role to administer Local State Government regulations as they do now with no increase in powers, especially any Constitutional powers. If any change is considered it ought to be the removal of some current powers falsely assumed by local councils.

Recommendations

- 1. The Committee extends the period for submissions from 15th February 2013 for another 12 months to enable publicity to be extended to the citizens of Australia for submissions and not just submissions coming from local councils that have a vested interest.
- 1.1 The Committee extends the period for submissions for another 12 months to overlap the Federal Election due on 14th September 2013.
- 2. That the Committee rejects totally any changes in the Australian Constitution that would give local councils the status of local government that would conflict with and diminish the status and powers of existing State Governments.
- 3. That the Committee puts a negative weighting factor on submissions by local councils because of their conflict of interest.
- 4. That the Committee studies the following supporting information in depth and view reference to online video links submitted in support of my submission.

Here are some facts to consider and I recommend that you watch the videos in order below to get a broader understanding of what's really going on and why Local Councils have suddenly got an itch to be recognised constitutionally.

In "The Annotated notes of the Australian Commonwealth Constitution by Quick & Garran", wherever "Local Government" is mentioned, it is actually referring to the State. This is about how "local" Local Government gets. Local Councils have planted the seed/idea that they are "Local Government" and this seems to have been accepted as a national truth, but it is a national lie. Local Government is the State. Always has been and always will be.

Now let's consider the 1988 Referendum. It did not ask if we wanted Local Councils to be recognised as Local Government and confer some of the powers of the State to Local Councils, but rather it asked if we wanted to confer powers of the State to Local Government. That might not seem like a big deal at first, so let me elaborate by explaining.

The referendum question was NOT actually a question, but was in a fact and in a "legal" sense, a National Statement/Notice to the public. The Notice being that Local Councils are Local Government - being what? That's right, a STATE. So when the question follows - do we want to give LOCAL GOVERNMENT or confer to LOCAL GOVERNMENT the powers of the State, your response is IRRELEVANT because if you accepted that they are "Local Government", then they already have the powers of the STATE. Noone challenged the QUESTION!

Now it all makes sense why they are able to make laws at will and at times seem to have more powers than the State and cannot be reigned in by the State - because they have all the powers of the STATE, and they ARE the State, but don't have any of the burden of recognizing our rights and none of the restrictions laid down in our Constitution for the existing States.

Elaborating on this further, "Financial recognition" is the last loophole they need to legitimize and consolidate their power. How? Our Constitution only allows direct Federal funding to the States. Only the States can receive direct federal funding. If we allow Financial recognition of Local Councils, which we have now tacitly accepted as being Local Government (a State) and then we add to this Financial Recognition (a right only conferred to States) this will close the final gap in legitimizing themselves as a "mini" States.

We are at a crossroads so lets get a glimpse of our future if we don't wake up a critical mass of apathetic Australians.

1. Local Government becomes our new State. Not in it's title, but in every other way.

2. We end up with 520 "mini" States or 520 mini Governments (That's how many council we have). They will all have the power of the States, but non of the accountability or oversight of the current "Sates". Usurping your sovereignty along with the few rights we have left (this is evidenced in the "Pirates of the Suburbs" video on YouTube).

3. Our mini States will amalgamate into one State. This is a logical step and essentially creates one Super-State. Our Constitution is now completely irrelevant and our new steering group/s, the likes of the M.A.V. and A.L.G.A infuse UN policies for profit. (see the link below for the Municipal

Association of Victoria, A private Local Council Membership organization that looks to the United Nations for policy direction, which it then implements through Local Councils including Agenda21) 4. Having achieved a "uniform" Government and people being used to this idea; Australia now being a "Super-State", then the question of who is Australia a Super-State of? Or more specifically, which Government are we a Super-Sate of?

Information/Video's in order

1. The Municipal Association of Victoria and their alignment with the United Nations and Agenda 21 - http://www.mav.asn.au/search/Results.aspx?k=United%20nations

2. What's the problem with Agenda 21? Everything! The Independent Member of Parliament for the Legislative Council, the Hon Ann Bressington Exposes Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development at the Lord Monckton Launch 2 Feb 2013 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sES6_OXPwOU

3. Pirates of The Suburbs - Destroying Communities - Early January 2013 -How Local Councils are a law unto themselves and are stripping communities of their wealth, their dignity and their rights. This video represents the blatant arrogance and the usurpation of the rights of it's constituents by Local Councils in Australia. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4Lnze7O22g

4. An interview with Max Igan - Connecting the dots and your Local Council - 3rd Feb 2013 http://www.thecrowhouse.com/020813.html

Extra recommended viewing: What the FUQ? By Scott Bartle. Is our Government a "Government" or a private corporation? http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umVj5XQYAi8

Copy and paste these links in your internet browser to properly consider compelling evidence of the evil intent of your Terms of Reference and to recommend to the Minister to extend the period for submissions from private concerned citizens for 12 months, or, preferably, to disband the Committee forthwith. Yours faithfully, Artley S. Pickup