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Dear Secretary,

As a private individual, I would like to make a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

Firstly I ask for an extension of time for the submission process as today the 14th February 2013 was the first I heard about the Joint Standing Committee. I frequently listen to ABC Radio, News Radio and the like and not once have I heard anything about it. Yet this is a huge piece of news that has potential to influence mine and every other life in this country. Not to mention our children yet to come. This is not the sort of issue to sweep under the carpet or decision to quickly pass through. I know many people that would like to know about this and would like to also make a submission. Please extend the time.

Secondly, I would like to submit a NO for Constitutional recognition of Local Government. Local Council is in the community to provide and maintain services. Australia does not need another level of government. In 1988 we voted NO.There is no benefit to the people of this land to have more government with more statute and by laws. People actually want to be free and have protection from over invasive individuals, companies, and governments. Many local councils are corporations I have discovered and now they want to be recognised in the Constitution?

We must be careful and watchful and very transparent.

Best Regards

Peter Britt