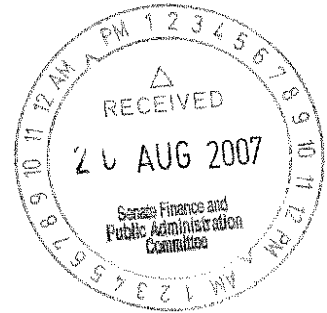


20th August 2007



Senate Finance & Public Administration Standing Committee

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to the matter of an inquiry and report by 4th September, 2007 concerning any plebiscite on the amalgamation of local government bodies in any part of Australia by the Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee, I ask to include in such inquiry the matter of plebiscite for the views of the people for the formation of new states.

The matter of a separate state of North Queensland has been raised and refused since Federation. It is realised that even with a yes vote on separate state following a plebiscite the State Government under the Constitution must approve.

At present the views of people cannot be obtained, a change to the bill (Democratic Plebiscite) would alter this scenario.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Laurie Fabrellas'.

Laurie Fabrellas
North Queensland Self Government League