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Submission to Senate Finance and Public Administration Inquiry:

As a Australian living in Wide Bay Queensland, I would ask the Senate Standing Committee considering amending the Commonwealth Electoral Act in holding a plebiscite into the Local Government Amalgamations.

To allow the AEC to give people the democratic right, to have there say not only into Local Government Amalgamations but also Workchoices and if we the people want Nuclear Power Plants.

Those three issues have the biggest impact on our lives and it does under the amendments you propose gives the AEC the right to hold these plebiscites for we the citizens of Australia to vote on.

It would deprive us our democratic right not to vote on all of these issues like Amalgamations, Workchoices and Nuclear Power Plants.

Thanking you

Tony Lawrence