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Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Committee,

RE: *Cth Electoral Amendment (Dem Plebiscites) Bill 2007.*

I write in support of the *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007*. The seat of Petrie incorporates the entire area of the existing Redcliffe City Council, as well as small portions of the Pine Rivers and Caboolture shires. The issue of forced council amalgamations in Queensland is a serious and genuine concern for local communities.

I commend the stance of Kevin Rudd over many months and applaud him for being the leading advocate in ensuring a voice for local communities on this issue. I support this Bill that will allow local plebiscites on the amalgamations of Queensland Councils.

This is an important local issue, especially for the people of Redcliffe, and residents genuinely care about their community and their access to a local representative body. Redcliffe has a special identity and a real sense of community that reflects its unique history and culture.

I support this bill as it allows a local voice for the people of Redcliffe on this serious issue of council amalgamations. Local residents should have a say on the important issues facing their community and the people of Redcliffe deserve a say on this significant issue.

Yours sincerely,

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