

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS

209. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Local Government:

The minister did not answer the question. However, all I want to know is: does that answer mean that the minister stands by his commitment to force amalgamations of Western Australian local governments?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

In my speech in February this year, I invited local governments to voluntarily come back to me with their indication of what they thought was the best outcome for local governments in Western Australia. I am committed to voluntary amalgamations, as is this government committed to voluntary amalgamations.