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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES) BILL 2010

Further to your letter of 7 July 2011, calling for submissions on the above Bill I wish to advise.

Practical effect of the Bill

It is my understanding that if promulgated in its present form, the amendment to the Local Government Act 1995 will provide scope for local governments to enter into more meaningful arrangements. Arrangements that are more binding than these currently undertaken such as VROC's that allow participants to withdraw from activities to the detriment of other participating local governments.

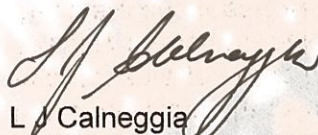
In relation to interpretation of the Bill, technical details and the matter of specific regulations, the author considers this to be the domain of those with better qualifications.

It is understood that studies have been undertaken by Mr Trenorden regarding the attributes and advantages of following the South Australia model and this Local Government cannot see any reason to make further comment other than to say that it appears to be working in that state and therefore cannot see why similar legislation will not work in this state.

Finally I wish to comment on the amount of time given to make this "submission".

This Local Government received your letter on 13 July and were given one (1) week in which to make comment, and as most local governments meet monthly it would seem insufficient time in which to make any detailed submission.

Yours faithfully



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