

The Committee Secretary,
Economics and Governance Committee.

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SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT BILL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DISSOLUTION OF IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL) BILL 2018

Section 8 EXPIRY

This Act expires on 30th June 2020

As far as I am aware this Legislation is to be used to dissolve the Ipswich City Council and replace it with Administrators until the next election in 2020.

I have been advised by the [REDACTED] that the reason for this Legislation is to strengthen the Government's Authority to dissolve this Council. This may be because the Ipswich City Councilors are challenging the Government's Authority to do so. Once this Legislation is in place then there should not be any doubt as to Government's authority and ability to dissolve this Council.

However there are a number of Councils and Councilors being investigated at the moment and some of them may have similar issues as the Ipswich City Council. Historically there have been other Councils which have been dismissed in the past, due to the contravention of the law as described by the relevant Legislation. Consequently I suggest that this situation will occur in the future.

THEREFORE I SUBMIT THAT THIS DRAFT BILL BE CHANGED SO THAT THE AUTHORITY TO DISSOLVE ANY COUNCIL REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN LEGISLATION.

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