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Submission 001

9 April 2010.

The Chairperson:  
Parlt. Law, Justice and Safety Committee  
Parlt. H. House, George St BRISBANE.

Dear Sir/Madam: Local Govt. Franchise Enquiry.  
When the Newspaper article said you were examining Local Govt.  
Noting a lady called ALAINA (Spelling) at Local Govt. Planning Office  
said she would send information on your procedures she failed later to do  
so, consequently I render in Free Expression! Altho' the B.C. is outside  
your Terms of Reference by Report in Media, since 1924 its remoteness has  
never been dealt with, its remoteness sets the tone for 2007 Reforms and  
I will include it, for these and other reasons.

In Premier Beattie's 2007 remarks he said Reforms gave Councils "clout".  
Most people in most Councils' areas feel more bullied than having  
"clout" because of excessive, crude, coastal and centralized "clout". As  
above, since 1924 B.C.C. clouts remotely. Karara Downs, Tingalpa and Guralpa  
and possibly others since 1924 have been added, so why can't places be  
excised for service efficiency and congestion betterment? I recommend (R.1)  
- That the Strathpine area north to the Pine River (NORTH) be joined  
to Bracken Ridge and nearby B.C.C. Wards/Divisions to make a  
council of about 200,000 people. R.2. That the Strathpine located  
former Pine Rivers Council Buildings be the HQ. R.3. That the  
smaller B.C.C. area continues with 27 Cllrs. Severe International  
criticism followed the new Toowoomba, North Burnett, Noosa and  
Douglas Reforms' remoteness (clout.) North of Cairns airport, there  
are many anomalies this enquiry may well fine tune, as below.

It was most crude in 2007 where Toowoomba and too many others  
had an extra 10,000 people added in several directions for "clout".  
Maud Report Vol 3. H.M.S.O. 1969 is one major authority that com-  
munities are most vital with 27,200 or 28,600 residents. A  
lot of further support comes for 40,000 - 46,000 places. Once a place  
has over 100,000 people, 105,000 is little different from 145,000.  
Then, closer to 250,000 than 150,000 or 400,000 is important. A  
dramatic beneficial improvement comes to adding to 6 Cllrs for  
places 2,000 to 10,000 people; for two more Cllrs at 25,000 and  
every other of the 2007 levels, to 125,000 which will be better

for a further 2 Cllrs so that 200,000 citizens in a Council will have seventeen Cllrs and over 300,000 population places have nineteen Cllrs. The 2007 Reforms would have been sterile with only 200 fewer Cllrs, but every 100 less towards 500 less was becoming remote, rationalizing us to being northern Hemisphere's Financiers' efficient Digits, and empty shells for elitists to compel political colonialism. All of the above will make Cllrs more "Local" and accessible if we are to have semi-ombudmen types' Cllrs to limit metropolitan crime.

• Proportional Representation (PR)

The above still leaves for remote Cllrs elitism to black people below bourgeois people with Incomes above Average in the top 70% - 75% - not an average for most! The NPAK is an anomalous yet pivotal with 6 Cllrs for five places plus Mayor. W. Australia and Auckland now under large scale Reforms to have Local Councils and Boards elect five to nine Cllrs. I consider six Cllrs for places 2,000 to 10,000 population will work well in such small places. R4: Six Cllrs for 2,000 to 10,000 people. I see no place for eight Cllrs or above ten equal numbers' Cllrs. For Torres Strait I recommend: R5. Join Waraker Is, Kabin and St Paul, to Torres Shire to form "South Torres Council (Indigenous or Federal) I recommend: R5: South Torres continue with one Cllr for each of the three Islands, three for current Torres, by PR. Plus Three by PR for Mayor to be known as (1) Mayor (2) 1st Cllr (3) 2nd Cllr. The other twelve islands form "North Torres Council". R7: Three as in R6 for Mayor, 2nd Cllr, 3rd Cllr plus one for each Island. All other Old Clls with seven or more Cllrs: R8 - Three PR elected I Mayor II 2nd Cllr III 3rd Cllr.

Every Council with over 125,000 citizens elect three PR Cllrs to include A & I Indigenous from the total Council area plus ample non-religious from a well chosen contiguous area to complete an equal votes PR seat electing three Cllrs. Others may choose to have 3/4 PR Cllrs.

• Clamant Councils further: Resat. Toowoomba for 125,000/130,000 people  
 b) Cecil Plains - Bowenville to Dalby. c) join former Millmerran Clifton, Pittsworth and about 10,000 Jondaryan people to about 3000 Allora people on 1994-roads for a 25,000/30,000 Mid Downs Council, (R.8., R.9, R10.) R11. Excise parts of Rosalie appropriate, to Dalby. R11: Join former Monto to Eidsvold, Perry and perhaps to 1994 viewed Geddon City Cecil 3rd idea is new MONTO Cll, R12. Join D10, and parts of D9 north of Smithfield Corner to look Electorate's former Maraboon to 25,000/30,000 please consider.

Your sincerely  
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07 MAY 2010

Law, Justice and Safety Committee

Renee Easton

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Dear Ms Easton: Your Ref: 11.1.12 of 23 April 2010

Thanks for your letter. You may count my 13 April 2010 letter as a submission I have supplemented. These are not confidential.

SUPPLEMENT to 13 April 2010 submission.

The Media has most recently stated a survey shows that Australians rank: violence, bullying, Health and Cost-of-Living as voters' concerns' priorities currently. In the dozens of nations I have spent ten years in in trips, eleven times, from 1960 to 2010 inclusive, a lot of them rank the first three as being sub-national public affairs.

The bullying is often stated by Queenslanders as one of the worst excesses of Mr. Beattie's "Clout" of the 2007 Local Govt. Reforms. Any review of voting practices needs to add for 100 to 120 new Councillors, including about ten for the current B.C.C. area. Since both PR 24 and the 1990's Gold Coast and Warwick mergers, those three Councils are too remote and inaccessible in Representation. Many more Councils, from 2,000 population to 10,000 Plus over 20,000 need more Cllrs.

Your Committee needs an additional set of Recommendations outside your apparent Terms of Reference for at least one extra Council from the North Pine River to beyond Bracken Ridge to have 200,000 people with a Strathpine HD, even with the Commission's elitist cliques voting system, with the new BCC below thirty Cllrs. PR could adopt the New Greater London three Tier system of: one Mayor elected - eleven PR for the whole city - plus fourteen or so single Member Wards/Divisions. I think PR would do well for four-member PR scenarios for each quarter to be represented, in all Councils with over ten Cllrs. London's 7,000,000 have thirty odd C'cils of 50 plus Cllrs.

The 2007 Commns. recommended Boundary issues at places like Bracaldine, Ballonme and others. Why not include those I mention and the like to be exercised with PR?

The Commns. mentioned: Kuranda, Gribie Island, Maleny, Aubio Beach and a few more as exemplary communities. Why not renew them all as four Cllr PR Wards/Divisions to spread their Community spirit? Cllrs often assist Community race, contentment.

Yours Sincerely  
Bruce Alexander

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23 JUN 2010

Law, Justice and Safety  
Committee

To: Renee EASTAN  
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20 June 2010

Dear Ms Eastan: Ref: 11.1.2. Local Govt. Franchise Supplement.

Thanks for your recent reply.

Since a recent "Australian" report that: violence, bullying, health and Cost-Of-Living were voters' main concerns I consider your Committee's Enquiry for Local Govt needs to reckon far better with such concerns than the "model" the 2007 Commission Report shows. That the rushed, remote rationalised result was said to need to be put in place for 2012, has been effected, more convincing local, less external factors need early attention. Since 1924, the BCC has been so political, centralist, remote and rational, we need to bring better participation in the BCC FIRST - regardless of your terms of Reference. In an addendum, you could propose B.C. Reform benefits.

Old seems to be too few, provincial and mega-minded in the BCC, RB Hand the 2007 Reforms too over some behaviourist excesses increasingly extended and entrenched in aggressive, overbearing, bloody-minded Behaviourism since 1950. The surplus of Councils on the Downs, Burnett and centralized former Councils like Mulgrave, Woongarra, Bungil and Moreton, has resulted in devastating Cllr's reductions. In South Pine, North Pine, Redcliffe and Caboolture remoteness discontents rise, as a beginning to statewide discontents people from distant places assure me. There are other numerous reports and complaints.

If every Council of over 25 000 population, including the BCC had two more Cllrs we would have less bullying and violence. Are

our people so excessively black and white bloody minded  
Beparicowist educated that they can't see that the sense  
of being close enough to Cllrs to use them as a consulting  
semi-ombudsman - as I have seen in other countries -  
is a desirable attainable newsituation and atmosphere.  
We need to outgrow the raw bloody mindedness of populist.  
As well as two more for over 25,000, why not have all  
Councils from 2,000 - 10,000, like NPARC in indigenous  
districts have six Cllrs? Also all Councils over 2000 have  
Wards with names even: East/North/South/West Wards? A Ward  
connotes CARE! Divisions are about dividing! NPARC are  
undesirable, with Tarras as being anomalies of even numbers  
against over 70 others with odd numbers. Auckland and  
W. W. Aust. are undergoing substantial reforms for elected Councils  
with five to nine Cllrs each. I make no case for eight Cllrs.

As with former: Aramac, South Warroo, South Booringa, Cecil  
Plains and Bownville and several more like St. Lawrence area,  
excising or even a new Council/extra like Capricorn,  
Sunshine Coast Hinterland, 200,000 people north of North Pine  
River, Karanda joined to an extended Douglas from Southfield  
north, this is the time for such finesse. The "complexity"  
claims are arrogant, lazy minded and centralist.

I recommend, if no better comes, that the three inner BCC Wards elect  
three Cllrs on Proportional Representation for the Central Brisbane area, in  
such a spread that the rest of the BCC has thirteen Cllrs for both sides of  
the River. This South/North split needs four PR Cllrs for both South and  
North PLUS nine single Member Cllrs on both sides; Mayor elected from Council.

This style is needed for all Councils with 15 or more Cllrs as I recommend  
two more Cllrs - @ least - on present numbers. Many Councils need 17 Cllrs as in  
the A.C.T.; Three Central PLUS four top tier Cllrs for Councils of 9-15 Member Cllrs

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Yours Sincerely  
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