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The Research Director
Legal, Constitutional Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

SUPPORT FOR REFERENDUM ENTRENCHMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS

Council at its meeting of 15 October 2002 resolved as follows:

> *"That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to advise the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland of Council's strong support for the referendum entrenchment of any proposed Queensland constitutional provisions relating to Local Government."*

In accordance with the above resolution, I am writing to add Council's support to the referendum entrenchment of the system of Local Government in Queensland.

As your committee report highlights, Local Government in Queensland is a recognised third tier of Government with an extremely close working relationship with the State Government, which is uniquely Queensland in nature.

This working relationship has been based on a common sense approach of mutual respect and co-operation on an equal standing.

The referendum entrenchment of a system of Local Government would ensure this equal standing in negotiations is never called into question when short-term political agendas temporarily disrupt this relationship.

I applaud the committee's recognition of this important provision to ensure equal standing and throw the weight of Council's support behind the Committee's recommendation.

Yours faithfully

for G R Kellar
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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