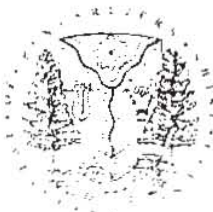


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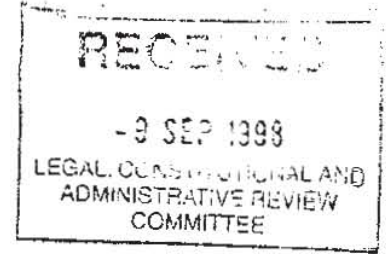


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Dear Mr. Fenlon,

**Strategic Review of the Ombudsman**

I refer to your correspondence dated 14 August 1998 and advise that Council supports the present role of the Queensland Ombudsman's position.

Council is of the opinion that it is important to have this independent role and supports the current arrangements that exist with local government in Queensland.

It is also vital that sufficient funding is provided to the Ombudsman's Office to allow him to continue undertaking his current work load.

Yours faithfully,

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