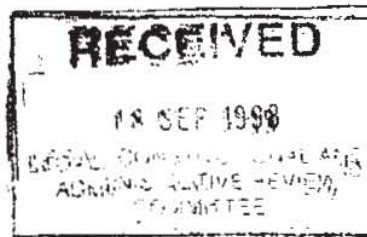




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Dear Sir

STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above matter. As a local government we would welcome the strategies proposed by the Review. Of particular interest are:

- The proposed information kits on procedures and criteria used by the Ombudsman
- The development of an 'ideal' internal review mechanism for use by local government.
- Proposed formation of a network group of contact Officers within local government. However, it should be a practice of this group to meet and follow a structured agenda and to encourage lively participation by all participants.
- Advice on new policies would provide invaluable support to local and state governments.
- The proposed secondment program.

Basically, it seems that the recommendations of the Review can only encourage local and state governments to put in place strategies to deal proactively with possible maladministration or administrative indiscretion issues.

Yours faithfully

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