

QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ALLIANCE

The members of the Legislative Assembly
Queensland Parliament
BRISBANE.
23rd October 2013.

Dear Members,

These petitions tabled today should be read in conjunction with the Parliamentary Petition No. 2112 and more than 50000 petitions which were presented with de-merger proposals in August 2012 and the later petitions presented to the Minister for Local Government from other groups wishing to de-merge since that time and which were ignored by the Minister.

Many thousands of people had signed their undivided council de-merger petitions and felt that they did not have to sign again. Thousands more stated that the Minister had indicated his intransigence quite clearly so their only recourse would be to vote against him and the government at the next state election and vote for a new council at the next council election.

All of us feel the serious breaches of natural justice carried out on us by both by the former ALP government and the current LNP government. We fought mightily against the amalgamations in 2007/08 and were ignored and never entertained the notion that we would have to fight the LNP government too. The fact that four councils were allowed a referendum and will be having new council elections in November is discriminatory and flies in the face of democracy. We are still angry and are mindful of the cost to our communities.

We beseech the House to hear the small voice of rural and regional Queensland, to let us exercise our democratic right to be heard and have a referendum on the matter of boundary change and uphold democracy.

Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of the concerned citizens of Queensland

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