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WA Local Government Act Review Phase 2.
Additional File Two.

Relevant points of discussion still exist for Phase 2.

When the McGowan State Government spoke in March 2017 of ending money waste, duplication, bureaucracies, unnecessary management roles, -I thought they were talking of the local government sector. Yet not, they were talking of slashing through the public service/*State Government Agencies*.

The **local government sector** in Perth metropolitan has the problem far more than *State Agencies* –so I expect the State Government to act on this.

Many *State Agencies* have been merged and many have had parts/function cut from and delivered to separate ‘new mega-Agencies’.

If that wasn’t difficult then why cannot a *State Government* act on the mess of 33 metro local governments?

Robson Review(2012)was not perfect yet ~70% was correct. Reform and redraw, don’t amalgamate. Update the Robson Review, Six years have passed. Not a new Report, but an updated report. Many of its findings in regards to revenue, capacity, and conflicting behaviour to/from local governments within the *same regional area* CANNOT be ignored. As Perth metro and this State suffers.

Problem: WA Local Government Minister cannot sack CEOs, Officer Staff, or select Council Members. CEO protects the staff. Under-performing Council Members allowed to stay due to the expense of sacking the entire Council, installing a Commissioner, and launching an Inquiry.

Solution: WA Local Government Minister should be able to terminate a CEO, Should be able to punish local government Officers. Should be able to remove individual Council Members. Change the WA Local Government Act to allow this.

2018 has seen continuing major problems of:

Non-notification.

Lack of newsprint ads, plus placement of ads.

Public Question Time at Ordinary Council Meetings, Agenda Briefings, and their Minutes.

You send your questions in, you read them exact. You send them by email again day/s later. Yet the Minutes are wrong.

Public Submission Tables for items/projects/public comment.

Sometimes full, sometimes summarized.

Problem –summaries can mis-represent you.

You try to get the local government to fix the problem/s, they don't.

You ask OCM questions on it. They don't.

You email Council Members –they don't act, wave through Minutes unaltered.

You ask OCM questions to Council Members for 'full submissions' –they do nothing.

Solution: WA State Government and WA State Agencies to overrule Local Governments.

Thankyou.

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