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I would like to express my appreciation for the work that has been done resulting in this comprehensive document. - I would like to share the following thoughts.

The 'table' on page 6 The future of Local Government Review Reform Outcomes says it all. These issues form most of the discussions by local groups such as the Clarence Action Network and Kangaroo Bay Voice. The backward planning required to address these issues will result in efficient and effective local government.

I was horrified by the statement on page 10. 'At the end of the formal Review process the Government will consider the board's recommendations and decide how it wants to respond. It will be up to the Government to decide whether it agrees with all, some or none of what the board recommends.' No wonder people disengage themselves from these consultation processes.

On page 19 Key Roles of Councils are discussed. I think that until reform outcomes are achieved the role of Council's as a service provider and regulator need to be a priority until all councils have improved their standard of services to an acceptable level.

Responsibility for facilitating, co-ordinating, partnering and advocacy is a future consideration when other reforms have been achieved.

The number of councils in Tasmania is causing huge problems for effectiveness, efficiency, resourcing and skilled personnel. Reducing the number of Councils is an essential part of the reform process. At the same time this process is a potential minefield. There is possibly much to be revealed.

Yours sincerely,  
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