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To whom it may concern

I favour the status quo and having as much representation as I possibly can from Local Government. The important thing is for the community to be engaged and vote for good representatives.

In the 1990s the Nixon Report recommended Tasmania reduce the size of Parliament and amalgamate Local Government. Now the size of Parliament is to be restored.

I am a ratepayer in Hobart City Council and Kingborough Council areas and satisfied with both Councils. Hobart provides good service to ratepayers. Kingborough is fast growing so has enough on its hands. Please note: I don't agree with all decisions by either Council - which is to be expected.

I'm president of the Hobart Dog Walking Association (HDWA) Inc and liaise with Hobart, Glenorchy and Clarence City Councils. This role has involved writing responses to dog management consultations and familiarising myself with Councils and the areas they manage. I am writing this submission as an individual as haven't had the time to consult with the HDWA membership. I only found out about this review as I happened to attend a South Hobart Progress Association meeting last week.

Clarence is a big land area and will experience a lot of population growth due to the developments such as Skylands. I don't think Clarence needs to amalgamate as they have challenges ahead, same with Sorell which is fast-growing.

I appreciate some Councils are small (ie Kentish) and might be able to amalgamate for more resource

I am concerned about planning being taken away from Councils to faceless independent review panels. I prefer accountability and elected members who listen to qualified, professional staff.

I have some concerns with the current planning laws and loopholes and Councillors being unable to stop bad planning due to flaws in the planning scheme.

I am concerned when planning matters are overridden by others ie logging permits granted by Forest Practices without any consultation with Council planners about whether particular native vegetation needs protecting. I was also very upset by the illegal landclearing at 37 Nebraska Road, Dennes Point, and thought \$2,700 was a pathetic fine when those of us who comply with Council rules outlay so much. Apparently under planning rules that was the maximum fine that could be imposed. Pathetic!!

Regards

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