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Hon Leon Bignell, MP  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
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Dear Minister *Leon*

**Board and Committee Update**

The Local Government Association (LGA) wrote to you on 14 July 2014 in relation to the State Government's announcement to reform boards and committees and welcomed discussion with you about your views.

The LGA Board endorsed its position on specific committees and boards at its meeting on 25 September, having regard to the interim report of the State Government. This matter was also discussed at the 26 September Premier's Local Government Forum.

Following outcomes from the Forum discussion I am keen to understand how you propose to respond to the interim report recommendations, where appropriate, in addressing development of alternate models for engagement of Local Government.

Below is the relevant comparison table for the specific Boards or Committees that I understand fall within your portfolio responsibilities.

| Board/Committee                     | LGA Recommendation   | State Government Recommendation |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Aquaculture Advisory Committee      | Retain   | Abolish                         |
| Meat Food Safety Advisory Committee | Alternative mechanism (Such as an ongoing Panel that can be activated as required) | Other Reform                    |

As well as the above, Local Government plays an integral role with respect to tourism and we look forward to any consultation on future arrangements given the abolition of the South Australian Tourism Commission.

I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Kind regards

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**President**

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