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Dear Premier *Jay*

Board and Committee Reform

On behalf of Local Government the Local Government Association (LGA) welcomes your announcement to reform boards and committees.

We believe that any unnecessary duplication and red tape should be reduced so that doing business in South Australia can be easier and more efficient.

While the LGA welcomes your announcement, we do so with caution. There are a number of boards and committees that include representatives from Local Government or otherwise deal with matters directly related to Local Government.

It would be our expectation that under our State/Local Government Relations Agreement you would be instructing Ministers and Chief Executives of Government Departments and Agencies to consult with the LGA prior to making any decisions.

As well as providing opportunities for representation, boards and committees are often linked to legislation which administers funding directly related to Local Government, and in some circumstances funding that has been contributed by Local Government. This further highlights the need for these matters to be carefully considered and we strongly oppose any legislative changes that seek to redirect these funds without Local Government agreement.

The LGA is also concerned about statements from you about blockages, particularly with respect to council regulations. Local Government does not support any regulation that is unnecessary and would very much like to discuss your statement. We propose that this be a matter for discussion at the next Premier's State Local Government Forum.

We would welcome discussion with you regarding community representation and are particularly interested in your views about more direct access to government.

Local Government can play a pivotal role in helping the State Government better engage with residents and communities as an alternative to some of the current boards and committees and may in fact play a very important role in administering and carrying out some of the duties of the current boards and committees.



To this end we look forward to discussing this matter with you as a matter of urgency and certainly before any legislation is presented before the Parliament.

Kind regards

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Dear Mayor O'Loughlin

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2014 to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, about the announcement to reform boards and committees.

Your letter is currently receiving attention.

Yours sincerely

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**Premier's Correspondence Unit
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16 July 2014