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Hon Tony Piccolo, MP
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Dear Minister *Tony*

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 regarding those boards and committees that the LGA has an interest in.

The LGA Board endorsed its position on the committee that falls within your portfolio at its meeting on 25 September and having regard to the interim report of the State Government. The matter was also discussed at the 26 September 2014 Premier's State 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 Committee that I understand falls within your portfolio responsibilities.

Board/Committee	LGA Recommendation	State Government Recommendation
State Bushfire Co-ordination Committee	Retain	Other Reform

I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Kind regards

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Dear Minister Piccolo

Tony,

Board and Committee Reform

On behalf of Local Government the Local Government Association (LGA) welcomes the State Government's 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 the State Government's 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.

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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