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Dear Members/Job Delegates

**RE: REVIEW AND REFORM OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 POSSIBLE  
INTRODUCTION OF INDEPENDENT CORPORATIONS TO OPERATE AT ARMS LENGTH TO  
PROVIDE COUNCIL SERVICES TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY**

Please find attached extract information from the Western Australian Department of Local Government in relation to a current Ministerial review of the Local Government Act 1995 that is being carried out right now.

The Department is currently surveying and talking to stakeholders including rate payers, ratepayer association, the public at large and other parties with interests in the industry.

The impact of this proposal alone if supported by the McGowan Government would enable Western Australia to follow New Zealand and Victoria where large swathes of council services were in effect “subcontracted” to these Corporations.

One of the clear implications for employees could be that their employment is shifted to these corporations under new and completely different terms and conditions of employment.

We encourage you if in the country areas to attend the workshops set out in the attachment and to also have your say directly to the review by lodging written concerns at the following email address:

[actreview@dlgscwa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlgscwa.gov.au)

Importantly you should be aware that the peak body representing employers’ interests in Local Government in Western Australia, the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) has come out in favour of this proposal. So, your employers are seriously looking at ways to get this into place legally.

Have your say or write to or email us or the Minister or your Local MPs we also wish to communicate member concerns to the Minister and the Department.

Yours in Solidarity  
Andrew Johnson  
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