

At a time when we should be considering the value of the dollar spent on Local Government; Its benefits, including the provision of services, the duplication of State and Local Government administration and distribution of local laws in conflict with State Government laws. As a local ratepayer, where does the buck stop ?

Single member wards are a point of accountability for the municipal electorate equal to State and Federal electorates. Multi member wards encourage ratepayers to pay more taxes (rates) as you have more than one representative in your ward and you need three times as much money to run a campaign favouring non independent candidates.

I ask the wisdom of the of the Committee considering this proposal why are we asking our community to pay more when we are struggling with less?