

ONE VOICE - ONE PEOPLE

Human Rights Defenders

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The Hon Daryl Robert Williams Attorney General The House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

Referendum 1988

ONE VOICE – ONE PEOPLE Human Rights Defenders (OVOP) have been contacted by people about the following issue:

On 3 September 1988 a referendum with the following context (provided by the AEC) was put to the Australian people:

(3) Constitution Alteration *(Local Government) 1988

Local Government

119A. Each State shall provide for the establishment and continuance of a system of local government, with local government bodies elected in accordance with the laws of the State and empowered to administer, and to make by-laws, for, their respective areas in accordance with the laws of the State.

Over 87% of the Individual Independent Sovereign People of Australian and each individual state of WA, SA, Victoria, Tasmania, NSW and Queensland voted "No". No "system of local government" may be "established or continued: within the Commonwealth of Australia, or within any of the various states.

Please would you inform us whether the above information is correct and whether the will of the Australian people have been ignored. We are sure that you are aware – if that is the case - the so-called "Local Government Councils" in Australia would be in violation of the constitutional rights of the people of Australia and the international human right to self-determination.

We appreciate your earliest reply.

Yours faithfully

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