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## Response To The Future Of Local Government Review

As a councillor from the Central Highlands, I am writing to express my dismay at the recent announcement to reduce the number of councillor's from nine to five. The state government's rationale for this decision is that it will not improve the efficiency of the council. However, I believe that this decision will have a negative impact on the representation of our community.

Furthermore, the proposed 14.5% increase in councillors allowance is insufficient to compensate for the reduction in the number of councillors. This will result in an additional \$140 per council in operational costs. When I was elected primary my objective was not for financial gain. Instead, I will prioritise the well-being of our community. I am concerned that the state government's decision-making consistently undermines the well-being of our community and our governance. We have numerous small communities and towns, and reduced representation will have a detrimental impact on healthcare services, transportation, and communications.

The report suggests that a reduction in the number of community representatives at the table will lead to the selection of more competent and knowledgeable individuals to run for local government positions. However, based on my observations of some state governments' decisions and the decision-making processes of parliamentarians the spirit of Tasmania port where the consequences have been five times more severe than the anticipated costs, I believe that the state government should consider reducing the number of its parliamentarians

Yours sincerely  
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