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Thank you for the opportunity to express my wishes for Local Government reform.

It appears the major emphasis of the report has been focused on the future models for Council areas.

Regardless of future Council areas unless there are major reforms to Planning and Building approval processes, nothing will change. The cost for gaining approval have grown hugely. We were told the process was going to be simplified, streamlined and costs reduced, this has never happened. Just as an example if a block of land gets subdivided, services are provided, it is developed to take a specific use. A developer plans to build within the parameters established during the subdivision process, unfortunately Councils still require a Development Approval - this is so unnecessary and should be stopped.

The whole process is broken and needs urgent reform.

I look forward to seeing major improvement and cost reduction in this area.

Yours faithfully

Keith Darke

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