



ELMES HAILS FEDERAL ENQUIRY

Glen Elmes, Member for Noosa, has continued his crusade against the Beattie Labor Government's regime of undemocratic local government reforms by submitting a 9-page document to the Senate Committee hearings due to take place in Noosa.

"Support for Noosa's fight against forced amalgamation has now come from the Commonwealth Government in the form of the *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007*. The Senate Committee responsible for Finance and Public Administration will be conducting hearings into the Bill throughout Queensland this week and will be in Noosa on Thursday, 30 August 2007. This is the latest opportunity in our community's ongoing campaign against Premier Beattie and his regime of forced council amalgamations" Glen Elmes said.

"I will relish the opportunity to tell the Senate inquiry that Beattie and his Labor Government have gone too far and I will explain in detail to them of the draconian measures that have been used by the State Government to silence any protest.

"I will tell the Senate and the rest of Australia that Noosa does not want to be amalgamated. I will tell them that Noosa does not need to be amalgamated.

"We need the Commonwealth Government to give us all possible support to ensure that our democratic rights are upheld. We will send Peter Beattie a message that Noosa will not be silenced.

"We will not be intimidated by threats of sackings and fines and we will fight this insulting and unjust law which remains in place, despite government assurance that it will be removed, for as long as it takes to ensure that Noosa is reinstated as an independent stand-alone local authority." ENDS

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