



MISFIRE FOR LABOR'S PROPOGANDA

News that the Beattie Labor Government is engaged in a push polling exercise in a vain attempt to gather support on forced council amalgamations has come as no surprise to Member for Noosa, Glen Elmes who was asked to participate in the survey.

"I received a phone call at around 1.00pm today (Monday, 18 June) from AC Nielsen in Melbourne asking me to take part in a survey regarding the performance of local government.

"The first two-thirds of the survey related to my expectations of council and areas where local government should concentrate its efforts but then came the Goebels-like propoganda questions on topics such as financial capacity, the Local Government Reform Commission, better services through amalgamation, etc," Glen Elmes said.

"The time to do this research was as a part of the Size Shape and Sustainability exercise that was in place prior to the dictatorial Beattie Government overriding the wishes of council's and local residents.

Mr Elmes said that apart from the questions being heavily weighted to give the Government the response it wants, the further deception lies in the fact that this research should be bought and paid for by the Labor Party, not the Queensland taxpayer.

"I want the Minister for Local Government to verify that this is, in fact, the case." Mr Elmes said.

"Peter Beattie and Andrew Fraser have been caught out and I have written to the Minister for Local Government & Planning asking him to provide me with the cost of the survey and who paid for it.

"I also want him to supply to me as a participant in the survey all of the raw information gathered so that the people of Queensland get to see the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth – just for a change." ENDS

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