

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL

Petition

HON CHARLES SMITH (East Metropolitan) [1.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 15 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned support Mr Garber's serious concerns about the performance of the Office of the Information Commissioner; the Public Sector Commission and the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman) in relation to how these State Government agencies process and resolve complaints and applications involving Local Government officers and staff.

As your petitioners we therefore respectfully ask the Legislative Council to inquire into the performance of the Office of the Information Commissioner; the Public Sector Commission and the Ombudsman in relation to how these State Government agencies process complaints and applications and their subsequent actions, resolutions, recommendations in respect to Local Government officers and staff, to ensure that their conduct is fair and equitable, and that their decision making is not selectively applied. Further, consideration should be given to make Local Government officers and staff subject to the same Code of Conduct under Regulation 7 in the Local Government Act as Councillors to resolve the disparity in the application of the law. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 2301.]