



**Minister for Local Government; Heritage;
Citizenship and Multicultural Interests**

Our Ref:

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Dear Mr Grant

COMMITTEE REPORTS: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Thank you for your letter dated 3 April 2009 regarding Report No.29 - *City of Armadale Signs Amendment Local Law 2008* from the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

A response is sought in relation to *Recommendation 2*

The Committee recommends that the Minister for Local Government recommend that the Governor repeal the City of Armadale Signs Local Law 2007.

The City of Armadale Signs Local Law 2007 was first considered by the Committee in September 2007 and was determined to be ineffective and unauthorised, as described in its Report 28. I respectfully agree with the Committee's conclusion in this regard.

It is noted that the Committee subsequently corresponded with the City seeking amendments to the Signs Local Law but was rebuffed by the City which advised it that to proceed with the amendments sought by the Committee would render it unworkable. Whilst ignoring the fact that the Signs Local Law is inherently unworkable in any event, the Government supports the Committee's conclusion in Report 29 that it should be repealed.

Whilst it is unfortunate that the City of Armadale has not taken the initiative to repeal its own invalid local law, the Government supports the Committee's recommendation that I as the Minister for Local Government recommend that the Governor repeal the *City of Armadale Signs Local Law 2007* pursuant to section 3.17 of the *Local Government Act*.

Yours sincerely

**Hon G M (John) Castrilli MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; HERITAGE;
CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS**

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