



The Honourable Rod Welford MP



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Dear Mayor 

Thank you for your letter dated 14 August 2008 regarding the annual conference of the Urban Local Government Association of Queensland and the resolution by members that the State Government provide funding for the State Library of Queensland to collect and provide access to online Council publications and websites.

The Bligh Government acknowledges the need to preserve the online publications and websites of Councils affected by the 2007 local government amalgamation process.

I am pleased to advise that the State Library of Queensland has indeed already archived a collection of 98 websites (and associated Council publications) in PANDORA, Australia's Web Archive.

PANDORA is a collection of Australian online publications established by the National Library of Australia in 1996, and now built in collaboration with nine other Australian libraries and cultural collecting organisations including our own State Library. The websites can be accessed under the heading *Queensland Local Government Reform, 2007-2008* at <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/col/9261>.

This archiving process began prior to the 2007 amalgamations. All identified Councils were sent requests for permission to archive their site. Ninety-seven per cent of Councils that were contacted gave their permission, and all of the permitted sites were archived.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Vicki McDonald, Director, Client Services and Collections, State Library of Queensland by email at [vicki.mcdonald@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:vicki.mcdonald@slq.qld.gov.au) or on telephone (07) 3842 9405.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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