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SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION AND ATTACHMENTS 20th OCTOBER 2010

To Committee Secretary,
Select Senate Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation,
PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

On 25th August 2010 the Hume Regional Management Forum released the Hume Strategy for Sustainable Communities 2010-2020 at Wangaratta. The Hume Strategy 2010-2020 was published by the Victorian Government Department Planning and Community Development in June 2010.

This publication provides a documented example of Executive Federalism as explained by Bryan Pape QC in an attachment to his Submission No 20 to the Reform of the Australian Federation committee. The attachment is transcript of an oration to The Samuel Griffith Society dated 27th August 2010. Bryan Pape QC questions the legal status of the Council of Australian Governments, Intergovernmental and National Partnership Agreements. The Australian Local Government Association Submission No 24 questions the financial future of Local Government which is not recognized in the Australian Commonwealth Government Constitution.

Attached is information in Terra Publica Vol 10 No 1 January 2010 "Land Policy" about proposed changes to Victorian Government Law re natural resources legislation by December 2011, new biodiversity and conservation legislation by December 2012 and consolidated public land legislation by 2014. This will involve restructuring of Catchment Management Authorities which are located within the Murray-Darling Basin Authority area. The Commonwealth Government, Murray Darling Basin Authority, Guide to the proposed Basin Plan Overview released 8th October 2010 Section 7-8 (page 8) refers to the risk to rural and regional communities of the long term consequences of this plan. On 8th October 2010 the Victorian Government Department Planning and Community Development advertised in Wangaratta Chronicle 10 positions Planning and Development Opportunities in Regional Victoria. 9 of these positions required expertise in Regional Land Use Plans.

Attached is copy of an advertisement Wangaratta Chronicle 15th October 2010 for the Ovens & King Community Health Service 2nd AGM. The OKCHS is developed from merging the King Valley CHS and Ovens Valley CHS formed at the time of the Whitlam Federal Government and managed by local community committees. Now I read the OKCHS referred to as a Company and the 2nd AGM is being held at a time and place which does not encourage community attendance. The advertised Guest Speaker Hayley Cail, Commonwealth Government appointed Chair of the Regional Development Australia Committee, will present the Hume Strategy for Sustainable Communities developed by the Hume Regional Management Forum.

Attached for your information is copy of Appendix B – Ministerial Taskforce Members and Future Governance, Ready For Tomorrow, pages 64-66 published by the State Government of Victoria June 2010.

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