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Hon Paul Green MLC  
Chair  
Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government in NSW  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
**SYDNEY NSW 2000**

Dear Mr Green

I understand that the Minister for Local Government appeared before the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government in NSW this afternoon and advised the Committee to the effect that I told the Premier I was disappointed that more council amalgamation proposals had not been submitted as part of the Government's Fit for the Future process.

I wish to advise the Committee that this is inconsistent LGNSW's recollection.

Local Government NSW's (LGNSW's) Chief Executive and I met with the Premier, the Minister and their staffers last Thursday afternoon, where Government representatives expressed disappointment with the number of merger proposals received.

LGNSW was seeking information on the Government's plans, process and timing and to represent the policy of its members to support reform and voluntary amalgamations, and to oppose forced amalgamations.

I would be very grateful if you would advise the Committee of the above during today's hearing, so that it can be included in the transcript and can set the record straight.

Your sincerely



Keith Rhoades AFSM  
**PRESIDENT**