

I would like to make a submission consisting of two published papers.

1. As it stands, the Discussion paper neglects shared services as a means of providing public services.

With respect to local government, Dollery, Akimov and Byrnes (2009) consider shared services. Their discussion can be generalized to include higher tiers of government and cooperation between the three levels of government.

See attached B. E. and Akimov, A. "Shared Services in Australian Local Government: Rationale, Alternative Models and Empirical Evidence", Australian Journal of Public Adm1. Dollery, B. E. and Akimov, A. "Shared Services in Australian Local Government: Rationale, Alternative Models and Empirical Evidence", Australian Journal of Public Administration, 68(2), 208-219, 2009.

2. The Discussion Paper overlooks the pervasive problem of government failure.

Dollery, Crase and Byrnes (2006) consider this problem in the context of Australian local government.

See attached Dollery, B. E., Crase, L. and Byrnes, J. L. "Local Government Failure: Why Does Australian Local Government Experience Permanent Financial Austerity?", Australian Journal of Political Science,41(3), 395-409, 2006.

Best wishes

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