

13.5 Petition – Select Committee Inquiry into Local Government, Request for Clarification of Statements

A petition, with 21 pages of attachments, was received 13 November 2019, signed by 1 elector, as follows:

*“We, the undersigned, all being electors of the City of Melville, respectfully request that the Council in light of comments made on 22 October 2019 before the legislative Council’s Select Committee inquiry into Local Government by two members of the Local Government Standards Panel (namely, Mrs Emma Power & Mr Paul Kelly); write to Mr Michael Connolly (Presiding Member) seeking clarification of a number of statements made by the fore mentioned members as their statements either directly related to or appear to relate to the City of Melville and its former CEO. Attached are the pages of the transcript that contain the relevant statements underlined and highlighted. Also attached are pertinent excerpts from the LG Standards Panel 2018/2019 Annual Report and two pages from the previous annual report. The matters of much concern to the petitioner are the sweeping statements like ‘there is all sorts of antics’ being employed (page 4) and ‘dealing with juvenile justice or whatever’ (page 5) and on page 6 ‘a good example is Melville – they have got a community board (?) .... allegations such as the site is unsafe’ (some examples of unsafe correspondence received by the petitioner is included) and not least of which on page 9 is the statement of ‘some CEOs are conspicuous by lodging several complaints’ to which Mrs Power is in whole hearted agreement and goes on to mention and outgoing CEO in particular and moreover that the complaints process can be employed as a weapon against councillors as we have certainly seen and that even the petitioner has been threatened with.”*