Good afternoon LGCC,

Thank you for seeking public feedback on the proposal to transfer three suburbs from Livingstone to RRC.

There was an ancient Persian political practice, where a matter came before the government it would be debated first sober, then drunk. If a different conclusion was arrived at whilst drunk, then the government would meet again sober to debate the topic again. This process was repeated until the same conclusion was arrived at both sober and drunk. This practice engaged both the logical brain and the emotive one to arrive at what people really think. In Australia, we call this the pub test – where journalists interview everyday people at the pub to gauge the temperature/sentiment on certain topics.

When looking at this proposal to transfer three suburbs from Livingstone to RRC, would it pass the opinion of everyday Australians? Is it reasonable for a neighbour to covet another's assets?

If we zoomed in on everyday people instead of shire councils - if one resident liked their neighbour's swimming pool, would it be reasonable for them to realign their fence to include the pool in their lot? Would it be more reasonable if they offered a token payment or asked others to support their fence realignment? Would it be reasonable if it financially disadvantaged the original pool owner, potentially causing their lot to be unviable/unsellable?

I do not believe the proposal of RRC coveting LSC's assets passes the reasonability test – sober or drunk.

**Alison Craggs** 

Kind regards,

