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Dear Mr Archer

*Mike*

Thank you for your letter dated 3 September 2021 regarding the City of Busselton's response to the recommendations of the Local Government Review Panel – Final Report. I appreciate the City taking the time to review and provide detailed feedback.

As you may be aware, I am considering further legislative reforms to the local government sector. While I am still developing specific proposals, these reforms are likely to be based on the themes of:

1. Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties;
2. Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity;
3. Greater transparency and accountability;
4. Stronger local democracy and community engagement;
5. Clear roles and responsibilities; and
6. Improved financial management and reporting.

I am currently developing reform proposals considering the recommendations of various reports, including the Local Government Review Panel – Final Report. Specific reforms will require detailed consideration by Cabinet.

I look forward to continuing to work with the sector to effectively deal with emerging issues and to continue to provide for the good governance of their communities.

Yours sincerely

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HON JOHN CAREY MLA  
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