



LETTERS to the Editor

Warning to Baird on divided house

Dear Sir,

A great and successful politician once said "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently, half slave, half free".

He also said: "the ballot is stronger than the bullet".

President Abraham Lincoln also said in his dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysberg (November 1860) - "... and Government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth".

He could walk down the street and mix with all members of society without fear, objection or criticism. His name is remembered with honour and distinction all these many years later.

Howzat! Mr Michael Baird, will you be able to walk among electors without shame or fear?

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Bad omen for Baird Govt

Dear Sir,

Has anyone told this Baird Government that history repeats itself?

Similarly in Queensland soon after they amalgamated Councils, they were gone.

Better to dwell on the West Australian Government who are still there. They decided not to go ahead with upsetting their residents.

In both Victoria and Queensland some Councils have already broken away from their merged partners.

Certainly Noosa Council has successfully found a way to "go it alone" and has had lower rate rises than the merged Council that they were forced to be integrated with.

What's the story Mr Baird? Do you want to survive in Government or let the people say at the ballot box and bite the dust.

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