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## NEW IPA VIDEO ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFERENDUM

The Institute of Public Affairs, Australia's oldest free market think tank, today released a new research video on why the local government referendum deserves to fail. The video is available on YouTube and can be accessed [here](#).

"The local government referendum is nothing but a grab for power from Canberra. It deserves to fail," said Tim Wilson, an IPA policy director.

The three minute video features Western Australian Senator Dean Smith and the Mayor of Hornsby in New South Wales, Steve Russell.

The IPA's video will be promoted extensively online including through Facebook advertising, to ensure that as many Australians as possible are informed about the consequences of the referendum before they are asked to vote.

"Organisations like the IPA have to step up to educate the public on this referendum because the federal government has shamelessly rigged the funding to favour the 'Yes' case by a ratio of 20-to-1," said Mr Wilson.

IPA research has been at the centre of the public debate about the local government referendum. Chris Berg's [article](#) in the *Sunday Age* on 5 May 2013 was among the first in the media to warn about the risks of centralising power in Canberra through the referendum.

To watch the IPA video visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvXaLMCdpS4>

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