



**Submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee into Constitutional  
Recognition of Local Government**

In response to correspondence from the Australian Local Government Association, dated 9 November 2012, the Broken Hill City Council has resolved to provide the following submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee into Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

- At its meeting on 2 November 2011, the Broken Hill City Council resolved that Council support the financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution (Minute: 43028) and has established a "Broken Hill City Council Constitutional Recognition of Local Government Committee" to propose and develop strategies to actively promote the benefits of Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and to engage the Broken Hill community.
- Council's Operational Plan over the next three (3) years will include a Special Project to the value of \$5278.54 as its contribution to the Local Government Association of NSW towards the national advertising campaign to promote Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.
- The Broken Hill City Council reinforces that it supports the Federal Government having power to be able to provide funding directly to Local Government where this is in the national interest.
- The Broken Hill City Council reinforces that Council needs certainty of funding so programs like Roads to Recovery can continue.
- The Broken Hill City Council supports an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or Local Government body formed by or under a law of a state or territory".
- The Broken Hill City Council reinforces that bi-partisan support is an essential precondition if a referendum is to have the best chance of success.
- That the Broken Hill City Council reinforces its support that the referendum be held at a time which maximises its chance of success
- That the Broken Hill City Council supports a publically funded national education and awareness campaign to inform the public about the Constitution, how to change it, and about the questions being asked before the referendum. An informed voter is more likely to cast an informed vote, which is based on facts rather than misinformation.

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