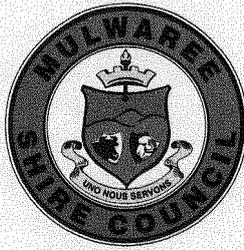


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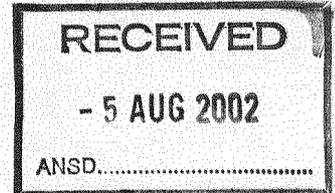
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Mr David Hawker
The Secretary
Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr Hawker

Re: Submission – Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting

Please find attached Councils submission regarding the above inquiry.

It is advised that Council supports the Federal Governments initiative into cost shifting from the State Government.

The Mulwaree Shire Council and Local Government generally is certainly in a position to accept a greater role in the provision of services to the community.

Please contact me if you require any further details.

Yours faithfully

Robert Mowle
General Manager

30 July, 2002

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Secretary: [Signature]

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The General Manager,

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MULWAREE SHIRE COUNCIL

SUBMISSION

COST SHIFTING ONTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 1 Population size: 7334 (2001)
- 2 Area: 520,750 ha
- 3 Current budget: \$13 million
- 4 General:
 - a) Mulwaree is a large rural based Council surrounding the city of Goulburn and has five (5) small villages
 - Marulan
 - Taralga
 - Tarago
 - Bungonia
 - Tallong
 - b) Council is not a member of a regional organisation of Councils, however, close cooperation with Crookwell and Gunning Councils.
 - c) The following contract works have been undertaken during 2001/2002:
 - State Road rehabilitation and maintenance: Approximate value \$1m
 - Roads to Recovery Program: Approximate value \$600,000
 - d) There has certainly been a devolution of responsibilities from the State Government to this Council during the previous 10 years e.g.
 - Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
 - State Environmental Planning Policy matters
 - Social Planning
 - Ecological Sustainable Development
 - Contaminated Land Assessment
 - Brothels
 - Waste Minimisation
 - e) Council is certainly in a position to carry out additional services with direct funding from the Federal Government and these may vary from Council to Council.

However, I am confident that Councils are in a position to carry out a wide range of services with significant benefits to the local communities.