



Bridge to Opportunity

The Rural City of
MURRAY
BRIDGE

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Mr Glenn Worthington
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Joint Select Committee on the
Constitutional Recognition of Local Government
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Visitor Information Centre
3 South Terrace
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Dear Glenn,

The Rural City of Murray Bridge unanimously supports the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and has reaffirmed its support for the financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution at its meeting on the 26 November 2012.

Works Depot
21 Hindmarsh Road
Murray Bridge
T 08 8539 1160

Our Council supports the Federal Government having the power to be able to provide funding directly to local government where this is in the national interest and requires certainty of funding so that programs like Roads to Recovery can continue.

Public Library
Level 2
51 South Terrace
Murray Bridge Market Place
Murray Bridge
T 08 8539 1175

The Rural City of Murray Bridge unanimously supports an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution to read: "*Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or local government formed by or under a law of a state or territory*".

Regional Gallery
27 Sixth Street
Murray Bridge
T 08 8539 1420

Our Council also believes bi-partisan support is an essential precondition if a referendum is to have the best chance of success and supports and encourages a referendum being held at a time which maximises its chance of success. Support is also given to a publicly funded national education and awareness campaign to inform the public before the referendum as an informed voter is more likely to cast an informed vote, which is based on facts rather than information.

Lerwin Nursing Home
67 Joyce Street
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T 08 8539 1185

Thank you for reviewing our submission and we look forward to confirmation that the referendum will proceed.

Youth Centre
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Yours faithfully,

Peter Bond,
Chief Executive Officer.

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