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Mr G Worthington
Secretary
Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to your Committee. At the Meeting held on 11 December 2012 the Council reinforced its long held position to support the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government by including in the Australian Constitution an amendment to clause 96 allowing the Federal Government to directly fund local government.

The Council also recognizes that the question must not be put to the Australian people until there is by-partisan support across all states of Australia and should be held at a time to maximize the chances of success. Local Government in Australia must have certainty of funding, directly from the Federal Government, to ensure programmes such as the Roads to Recovery can continue to provide improved infrastructure to the Australian People.

I wish your Committee every success in its deliberations and look forward to local government rightfully receiving recognition in the Constitution of Australia.

Yours Faithfully,

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