

# CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

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

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Economics, Finance and Public Administration

Submission No: 249

Date Received: 20/8/02

Secretary: Bendall

Dear Sir,

**Re: Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting**

Recently Chinchilla Shire Council was involved with the Local Government Association of Queensland in developing the submission lodged by LGAQ on behalf of Queensland Local Government.

This Council supports the submission as presented by LGAQ and offers further comment:-

- i) The inquiry being limited to State Governments cost shifting has not enabled the true picture to develop as there is areas of cost shifting in the Federal Government that is outside the scope of the inquiry.
- ii) Local Government is involved in meeting the shortfall in Security, Police, Education, Transport and Health providing alternative services not normally provided by the State.
- iii) Local Government is in a position to deliver State and Federal services more effectively in rural areas due to the contact with the local community.
- iv) If funding was directed to Local Government in rural areas for Education, Transport, Health and Family Services, Local Government would be in a position to deliver value for money.
- v) Local Government is not in a position to raise further taxes to offset Federal or State program which are funded through Tax Revenue and GST.

We lodge this submission to be considered in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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