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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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Dear Sir

At the Council meeting held on 20 December 2012, correspondence with regard to the progress of constitutional recognition for local government was considered.

Council resolved as follows:

01/12 **RESOLVED** by Councillor Culhane and Councillor Barlow that Council:

1. Requests that the Federal Government recognise financial recognition for local government in the Australian Constitution as per resolution 97/11 for the Upper Lachlan Shire Council Meeting held 17 March 2011.
2. Support the Federal Government having the power to provide funding directly to Local Government where this is in the national interest.
3. Reinforces the need for certainty of funding so that programs such as Roads to Recovery can continue to benefit the community.
4. Supports an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution, "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State or Local Government body formed by or under a law of a State or Territory".
5. Highlights that bi-partisan support is an essential pre-condition if a referendum is to have any chance of success.

6. Supports the referendum being held at a time that maximises its chance of success.
7. Supports a publicly funded national education and awareness campaign to inform the public about the Constitution, how to change it and about the question being asked before the referendum.

Yours faithfully

JK Bell
General Manager