



Naracoorte Lucindale Council

30TH July 2002

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

Dear Sir/Madam

Cost Shifting inquiry, State Government to Local Government

Council welcomes the Federal Governments inquiry into Cost Shifting by the State Governments to Local Government, which will allow the full extent of the current situation to be explored.

Naracoorte Lucindale Council is a member of the South Easter Local Government Association (SELGA) and as such has contributed to the submission made to the inquiry by that organization. Council endorses the SELGA submission, as it believed that it fully highlights the concerns being expressed by all within Local Government.

Local Government stands ready to be an active partner in the delivery of services, but it must be given the financial resources to do so. It is no longer acceptable for the State Government to pass the service on without the dollar to match.

Local Government is then accused of being wasteful with its money when it has to increase rates to cover all the services it is providing. Pleasingly, the comments of the Federal Local Government Minister, The Honorable Wilson Tuckey, recognize the key role of Local Government within the Community and the ability to provide services effectively.

Council looks forward to the outcome of the inquiry and trusts that it will set new directions in the provision of services and how they are funded.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Hovenden
Chief Executive Officer

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