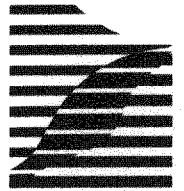


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Dear Sir

RE: INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COST SHIFTING

In response to the Inquiry's discussion paper "*At the cross roads*" this Council wishes to endorse the submission made by the Local Government Association of SA.

While it is recognised that individual councils will have particular issues relating to specific area of cost shifting, the general principles as enunciated by the Local Government Association of SA are appropriate for the level of detail that the Inquiry can be expected to consider. As an overriding comment, however, the Inquiry needs to understand that the public's view of "government" is coloured by the actions of all tiers. For Australia to be able to compete in the globalised world it is necessary for there to be a seamless and blameless system of governance which gets on with the role of governing and provision of public services.

The Committee therefore has a pivotal role to play in the future prosperity of Australia by ensuring funding systems are created which react to the changing and differing responsibilities of governments.

Yours faithfully

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