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**BULOKE**  
SHIRE COUNCIL



Mr David Hawker MP  
Federal Member for Wannon  
190 Gray Street  
HAMILTON VIC 3300

Dear David,

**Re: Inquiry Into Final Cost Shifting Report**

I write on behalf of Buloke Shire Council to thank you and congratulate you on the proficient standard of the Final Cost Shifting to Local Government Report.

Council is confident that the content of this report documents a true recognition of the very real circumstances of cost shifting by Federal and State Governments.

Council believes that the publication of this report is a positive move forward in that it acknowledges the evidence of critical financial viability problems for Local Government.

Buloke Shire Council is concerned about the future viability of this Council however is reassured that this report recognises the need for all levels of Government to work closely to progress the long-term financial sustainability of Local Government.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal congratulations to you on a very professional and true conveyance of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

  
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