



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

## Inquiry into Local Government Funding

**MEDIA ALERT**

Issued: 17 February 2003

**Att: National Media & local government reporters**

# Options on local government funding crisis *Roundtables in Hobart & Melbourne*

A provocative discussion paper on options for local government financing has been released by the House of Representatives Economics Committee ahead of two days of roundtable discussions in Hobart and Melbourne.

The Committee is examining the financial position of local government, in particular the impact of cost-shifting. The 35-page discussion paper, titled '*At the crossroads*', identifies key issues presented to the inquiry so far, and outlines a range of options which the committee says could help address what the councils say is a funding 'crisis'.

The inquiry is examining local government's current roles and responsibilities, current and alternative funding arrangements, and the scope for achieving a rationalisation of roles and responsibilities between the levels of government. The discussion paper is available at the inquiry website:

[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa/localgovt/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa/localgovt/index.htm) or from the committee on (02) 6277 4587.

The Committee is encouraging feedback via an **online questionnaire**, or by the normal submission process.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROUNDTABLE - Tuesday 18 February 2003 - HOBART**

**WHERE: Committee Room 1, Parliament House, Murray Street, Hobart**

**WHEN: 1.30pm – 4pm**

**Roundtable participants:**

- Local Government Association of Tasmania (Cr Lynn Mason, President)
- Cradle Coast Authority (Mr Roger Jaensch, Chief Executive Officer)
- Devonport City Council (Mr David Sales, General Manager)
- Derwent Valley Council (Mr Stephen Mackey, General Manager)
- George Town Council (Ms Ngaire McCrindle, General Manager)
- Hobart City Council (Mr Gary Randall, Manager Strategic and Executive Support)
- Glenorchy City Council (Mr Frank Pearce, General Manager)

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROUNDTABLE - Wednesday 19 February 2003 – MELBOURNE (Box Hill)**

**WHERE: Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill**

**WHEN: 9am – 1pm**

**Roundtable participants:**

- Municipal Association of Victoria (Mr Rob Spence, Chief Executive Officer)
- Victorian Local Governance Association (Mr Andrew Rowe, Executive Officer)
- Boroondara City Council (Mr Peter Johnstone, Chief Executive Officer)
- Monash City Council (Mr David Conran, Chief Executive Officer)
- City of Greater Dandenong (Mr Warwick Heine, Chief Executive Officer)
- Knox City Council (Mr Graeme Emonson, Chief Executive Officer)
- City of Stonnington (Mr Hadley Sides, Chief Executive Officer)
- Nillumbik Shire Council (Ms Catherine Dale, Chief Executive Officer)
- Port Phillip City Council (Mr David Spokes, Chief Executive Officer)
- Glenelg Shire Council (Ms Jennifer Tod, Chief Executive Officer)
- Indigo Shire Council (Mr John Costello, Chief Executive Officer)
- Maroondah City Council (Mr Nick Foa, Acting Chief Executive Officer)

**For media comment: House Economics Committee Chair, Mr David Hawker, tel: (03) 5572 1100**

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