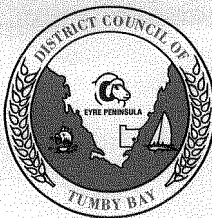


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Dear Sir

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Inquiry into Local Government Responsibilities and Funding.

Council is concerned at the devolvement of powers from State to Local Government without the ongoing revenue to continue to maintain the structure or service, eg recreational jetties. The State Government upgraded the jetties and then leased them to Council to maintain from that day.

Other services are created in the community with grants from either the Commonwealth or State Government for a 3 year period and the program funding then lapses. The community has come to expect the service and if it is to continue, then Local Government is left with the responsibility of finding the funds.

Council is prepared to accept responsibility for undertaking new projects, providing they are adequately rewarded with ongoing funds.

Council is also concerned at the share of road funding allocated to South Australia, which ultimately filters down to Council. Our State's share is grossly understated and I understand no explanation on how the formula for distribution can be given.

Whilst local government is the creation of the State Government Act, Council is concerned that any actions to bypass the State Government will ultimately undermine the sovereignty of the State.

In conclusion, Council is extremely concerned about the level of funding being made available to Local Government, the need to find another ongoing revenue base and the ability to provide the additional administrative responsibility being demanded by their communities.

Yours faithfully


Mr EA Roberts
District Clerk