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## Dalby Town Council Queensland

### Notice of Intention to Submit

Council would like to advise that it is intending to make a detailed submission regarding the Parliamentary Cost Shifting Inquiry.

It is hoped that the submission will be completed next week and council requests an extension of time to lodge the full submission. Council has endeavoured to meet the deadline but due to end of year commitments and the preparation of the budget for 2002/2003, this has not been possible with the resources that council has available. Council's budget will be brought down tomorrow which will enable more time to be spent on preparing the submission.

### Hoping this meets with your approval

### Brief Synopsis

The council believes that not only has the devolution of services over the past ten years placed an additional burden on the local community, but the capacity to fund the most basic services has also been eroded due to

- a) Inflationary demands on providing services at the same level.
- b) The decreasing capacity to raise additional revenue from the local community.
- c) The decreasing in real terms of the Financial Assistance Grants and the possibility of a significant reduction in the near future due to the Grants Commission Review.
- d) The inability to take advantage of State Government programs as no funding is available to meet the 50% requirement by Local Government without severely affecting local maintenance programs..
- e) The demands of trying to meet the funding of large projects such as flood mitigation, major civil works, and the ongoing maintenance of ageing infrastructure for roads, water and sewerage.

### The following Key Issues will be addressed in the submission

1. Profile of the Council.
2. Historical Background.
3. Regional Role of the council.
4. Membership of Regional Organisations.
5. Capacity of Dalby Town Council to meet existing obligations let alone additional responsibilities.
6. Impact of the devolution of services, functions & responsibilities including
  - a. Welfare Services
  - b. Enviromental Protection
  - c. Aged Care Services
  - d. Disability Services
  - e. Waste management
  - f. Integrated planning Act
  - g. Others

7. The regional role and the inadequacy/inequitable of funding arrangements
8. The inequitable allocation of Financial Assistance Grants and the degradation in real terms of this funding.
9. The centralisation of services to larger cities in the name of efficiencies to the detriment of locally based and government funded services eg Ambulance, Fire Services

You can be assured that council will be making every endeavour to lodge the detailed submission as soon as possible.