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Glenn Worthington
Secretary
Joint Select Committee on Constitutional
Recognition of Local Government
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr. Worthington

Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

I respectfully ask that you accept this admission from my Council on the above subject. I have been informed by the Australian Local Government Association that submissions are now being accepted.

My Council supports financial recognition and we have previously passed resolutions of support, the last time being on 14 August 2012. We support the Federal Government having the power to provide funding directly to Local Government where this is in the national interest. My Council needs certainty of funding so that Roads to Recovery can continue. The Constitution of Australia should be amended so that the Federal Parliament may grant financial assistance to Local Government bodies formed under a law of a State or Territory.

Bi-partisan support is a necessary precondition if a referendum is to have a good chance of success. My Council supports the referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Local Government being held at a time which maximizes its chance of success. We also support a publicly – funded campaign on education and awareness to inform the public of the Constitution and how it may be changed and about the question being asked in the Referendum.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Wormald
Chief Executive Officer