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Dear Mr. Worthington

**CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The City of Stonnington, Victoria makes the following submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

The Council has carefully considered the four options proposed and favours Option 2 which provides for financial recognition of Local Government.

Council at its meeting on 18 February resolved as follows:

*That Council makes a submission to the Joint Select Parliamentary Committee supporting the position adopted by Council on 21 March 2011 in support of financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution and include in that submission the matters raised by the Australian Local Government Association outlined below:*

- 1. reinforce that Council supports financial recognition;*
- 2. reinforce that Council supports the Federal Government having power to provide funding direct to Local Government;*
- 3. reinforce that Council needs certainty of funding so that programs like Roads to Recovery may continue;*
- 4. reinforce that Council supports an amendment to section 96 of the Australian Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State or Local Government body formed by or under a law of a State or Territory";*
- 5. reinforce that bi-partisan support is an essential precondition if a referendum is to have the best chance of success;*
- 6. reinforce that Council supports having the referendum at a time that maximises its chance of success;*
- 7. reinforce that Council supports a publically funded national education and awareness campaign to inform voters about the matter.*

Your sincerely

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