

District Council of

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Dear Committee Secretariat

Re : Rates and Taxes : A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government

The District Council of Grant presented a Submission and evidence to the Cost Shift Inquiry in Adelaide on 9 October 2002. The report produced was discussed at the last Council meeting held on 1 December 2003. Council supports the recommendations in the report; however, in relation particularly to recommendation 17, Council believes that the summit to be hosted by COAG should occur in 2004. It is considered imperative that this summit be held **as soon as possible** to report on the implications of the Committee's recommendations, to review various matters including the revenue raising capacity of Councils and determine processes to develop amongst other matters a fully responsible financial role for Local Government, a direct financial relationship between Commonwealth and Local Government and to ensure that Commonwealth and State responsibilities administered by Local Government are adequately funded. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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