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The Secretary
Standing Committee on Economics,
Finance & Public Administration
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

I wish to make a submission to the Committee's Inquiry into Local Government and Cost Shifting and in particular as it applies to the allocation of Home & Community Care (HACC) funding from the Commonwealth. I would also like to appear before the Committee to speak further to the comments noted below.

Local Councils in my electorate have complained that despite an increase in HACC funding from the Commonwealth - which they receive via the States - the cost to them has increased significantly and they have had to reduce services. The view has been expressed that the State Government appears to be siphoning off Commonwealth HACC funds for other purposes and that Council has to pick up the tab for the shortfall.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak to this in more detail.

Respectfully

Bob Charles MP
Member for La Trobe