



LISMORE CITY COUNCIL

*Mayor's Office*

13 February 2013

Mr Glen Worthington  
Secretary  
Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

**Submission Number: 240**  
**Date Received: 18/02/2013**

Dear Sir

**Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Contribution of Funds**

Further to correspondence received at Council on 21 December 2012 from the Local Government Association regarding the above.

A Mayoral Minute was presented to the Council Meeting of 12 February 2013 and the following was resolved:

1. Re-affirms its 8 March 2011 resolution supporting financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution so that the Federal Government has the power to fund local government directly;
2. Supports an amendment to section 96 of the 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';
3. Calls on all political parties to support a referendum;
4. Supports a publicly funded national education and awareness campaign to inform the public about the Constitution, how to change it and about the question being asked before the referendum;
5. Writes to the Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government of Local Government, Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, Members for Page and Richmond, the ALGA and LGSA to advise them of this Council's position;
6. Provides \$7,709.53 to LGSA as Council's initial contribution towards a national education and awareness campaign; and
7. Considers further contributions as requested.

As resolved council will be forwarding to the LGA a cheque of contribution towards a national education and awareness campaign for Constitutional Recognition of Local Government. If you have any further inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours faithfully

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