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Mr Tim Watling  
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Senate Select Committee on State Government Financial Management,  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT

Dear Tim,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Select Committee on State Government Financial Management. I regret that I am unable to prepare a specific submission in the time available. However, I have attached a number of documents which I believe are relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference and ask that you accept these as my written submission.

These documents are:

Andrew Parkin and Geoff Anderson, "The Howard Government, Regulatory Federalism and the Transformation of Commonwealth-State Relations" *Australian Journal of Political Science* 42:2, 295-314

Andrew Parkin and Geoff Anderson, "Reconfiguring the Federation?" Chapter to appear in C. Aulich and R. Wettenhall, eds. *The Fourth Howard Government*. UNSW Press, Sydney, 2008, forthcoming. Final version subject to editors' amendments

Geoff Anderson, "The Loan Council, International Credit Ratings and the Australian States: The Implications of State Borrowing Regimes for Fiscal Federalism" Paper presented to the *Public Policy Network Conference* Perth February 2006

I am happy to discuss the arguments put forward in these papers with the Committee.

Regards,

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