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To Whom It May Concern

The LGA has determined not to make a substantive submission to the Senate Select Committee on State Government Financial Management because its terms of reference relate to the business of State Government rather than the business of our members.

However there are issues likely to be considered by the committee which have some implications for Local Government. I am pleased to refer you to 3 key inquiries and this Association's submissions to them which are already on the public record. They are:

- the Productivity Commission Study into Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity (current): <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?c=14733>;
- the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government (2005): linked from <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/goto/fsp>; and
- "Rates and Taxes - A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government" House of Representatives Inquiry (2003): <http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=388#e427>.

These inquiries deal broadly with:

- cost shifting;
- external funding for Local Government;
- restrictions on Local Government revenue raising including the issues associated to having a single tax; and
- tax "room".

If you have further inquiries, Mr Chris Russell, Director Government Relations & Communications, will be available to assist and to attend your Adelaide hearing.

Yours sincerely

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