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Mr Glenn Worthington  
Secretary  
Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local  
Government  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr. Worthington

**Re: Constitutional Recognition of Local Government**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 Council considered Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and resolved to reinforce its resolution of 16 April 2012. Thereby, Council supports the following:

- Federal Government has the power to provide funding directly to Local Government, where this is in the national interest.
- An amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution to read "*Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state of local government body formed by or under a law of a state or territory*".
- That bi-partisan support is an essential precondition if a referendum is to succeed.
- That *prior* to a referendum, a comprehensive national education and awareness campaign be undertaken to inform the public.
- That a referendum be held at a time which maximises its chance of success.
- That Council needs certainty of funding so that programs such as Roads to Recovery can continue.

Yours sincerely

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Compliance & Protocol Officer