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Mr Glenn Worthington  
Secretary  
Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Govt.  
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CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Worthington

### **SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION**

Further to our resolution supporting financial recognition of local government, the Shire of Nannup would like to again reinforce our position on Constitution Recognition with the following points being of key concern to us.

Council supports:

- Financial recognition of Local Government and also supports the Federal Government having the power to be able to provide funding directly to local government where this is in the national interest.
- The need of certainty of funding to enable programs like Roads to Recovery can continue.
- 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"
- Bi-partisan support is an essential precondition if a referendum is to have the best of success.
- The referendum being held at a time which maximizes its chance of success.



- 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. An informed voter is more likely to cast an informed vote, which is based on facts rather than misinformation.

If you have any queries on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,

**ROB JENNINGS**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**