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Port Augusta
CITY COUNCIL

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Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

INEQUITIES IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM CLOSURE OF AUGUSTA & HAZELWOOD POWER STATIONS

As you may be aware the Port Augusta City Council has raised its concerns in relation to the inequities in financial support provided by the State and Federal Governments as a result of the closure of the Augusta and Hazelwood Power Stations. In this regard, Council has resolved as follows:

1. Writes to the State and Federal Governments expressing its total disappointment in relation to the inequities not only from the support provided to the northern suburbs of Adelaide, but now also the closure of Hazelwood to what has been provided to the Upper Spencer Gulf (USG). Such disappointment and discontent is experienced by not just the Port Augusta community in common with the entire Upper Spencer Gulf and outback communities.
2. Seeks a detailed explanation from the Federal and State Governments asking for their rationale, backed by detailed facts, as to how the comparisons between Hazelwood and the Northern Suburbs are fair compared to Port Augusta and the Upper Spencer Gulf.
3. Seeks details of the \$3m committed by the State Government, as to how funds have been disbursed and measurable outcomes delivered to the region.
4. Seeks details from the Federal Government for their \$1m Job Accelerator Fund and the outcomes this has achieved including how the funds were disbursed.
5. Seeks a written response from the Federal Government in relation to the announced \$20m investment fund as announced during the election campaign, with specific reference as to how it will accommodate the exceptional economic circumstances of the region and its current inability to contribute funding to the grant program.

Port Augusta City Council considers that the commitment by the Federal Government to our community was far less than that contributed to the Hazelwood community and it would be appreciated if advice could be provided in response to Items 1, 2, 4 and 5 above.

Yours faithfully

MRS LEE HERON
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER