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Mr David Hawker MP Chairman House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economic, Finance and Public Administration Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hawker

Recommendations on Cost Shifting

At its meeting held on December 10 2003, Council considered a report concerning the recommendations from your inquiry into cost shifting in Local Government.

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At that meeting, Council resolved that I forward its congratulations to you and the Federal Government House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economic Finance and Public Administration, following the 18 month public inquiry injo cost shifting in Local Government.

The inquiry not only addressed the matter of cost shifting but also revealed the underlying issues relating to governance arrangements between the three spheres of Governments. Council welcomes the majority of the recommendations of the Inquiry and looks forward to the outcomes of the Summit on Intergovernmental Relations to be held in 2005.

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Yours faithfully

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