



The Hon Kristy McBain MP

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Dear Mayor

I am pleased to advise that on 4 November 2025, I referred the matter of local government funding and fiscal sustainability to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport (the Committee). My referral allows the Committee to build on the previous inquiry into local government sustainability which lapsed with the Federal election in May 2025.

I am delighted that the Committee has announced that it will continue this important work through the new inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability (the Inquiry). The Terms of Reference (TOR) for this Inquiry have a sharper focus on the financial sustainability of local governments, including the interactions between levels of governments, funding sources and the impact and effectiveness of those sources.

The Committee will consider evidence already presented from the previous inquiry, but is also calling for additional or updated submissions to explore these new areas of focus. While there is no need to resubmit any previous submissions, I encourage anyone who may have more to add to the Inquiry given its revised terms of reference to consider making a submission. Written submissions may be provided to the Inquiry until **3 February 2026**.

For the TOR and more information regarding the Inquiry, including how to make a submission, please visit the Parliament of Australia website at:
www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_Infrastructure_and_Transport/LocalGovernmentFunding. Any questions relating to written submissions process should be directed to the Committee Secretariat at:
rdit.reps@aph.gov.au.

I look forward to receiving the Committee's final report and recommendations and continuing to deliver on the Government's commitment to supporting a strong and sustainable local government sector.

Yours sincerely

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