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Mr Ross McKim
Chief Executive Officer
City of Greater Geraldton

Dear Mr McKim

Inquiry into local government sustainability

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport has commenced a new inquiry into local government sustainability.

As part of the inquiry the Committee will examine financial sustainability and funding frameworks of local governments, alongside changing infrastructure requirements and service delivery obligations. The Committee is seeking to understand the challenges faced by local governments in servicing infrastructure requirements across regional, rural, and remote locations.

Workforce shortages across Australia relating to infrastructure and other service areas more broadly, particularly in regional, rural, and remote areas, will also be a focus of the inquiry. The Committee will also inquire into issues relating to skills development and job security, along with labour hire and retention trends and practices to identify barriers and opportunities to support job security and local government service delivery obligations.

The Committee welcomes your views on any or all of the attached terms of reference, depending on your areas of interest and expertise. Further information about the inquiry is available at: www.aph.gov.au/rdit.

If you have an interest in any of these issues, we encourage you to lodge a submission to the inquiry by close of business **Friday 3 May 2024**. It is preferred that submissions are uploaded electronically, through: www.aph.gov.au/Committee/Submissions.

Further information is available from the inquiry website. Please contact the Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 2232 or rdit.reps@aph.gov.au if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP
Chair

Terms of Reference

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport will inquire into and report on local government matters, with a particular focus on:

- The financial sustainability and funding of local government
- The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government
- Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery
- Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices
- The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to the above
- Other relevant issues.