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Dear Minister

Re: Affordable Housing

At the annual conference of the Urban Local Government Association of Queensland held recently in Gympie members resolved that representations be made to the Federal Government to establish a subsidy scheme to those Councils who undertake research and investigations on addressing housing affordability within their local jurisdiction that identifies clear objectives and outcomes to alleviate the pressure on affordable housing.

Councils are well placed to respond to the housing affordability issues within their local area. Councils however, require additional resources and funding to ensure their capacity to properly plan and respond to this significant issue is not jeopardised. There are significant opportunities for the Federal Government to partner with local Councils and assist Councils to undertake research, investigations, project and program development and implementation on housing affordability which will provide clear outcomes to alleviate the pressure on housing affordability.

Your consideration of the matter and advice in due course would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

**P PISASLE
PRESIDENT**