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Dear Mr Salerian

### **Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity**

I write in reference to the Productivity Commissions recently released report on Local Government revenue raising capacity.

Council has recently considered the report and believes that the report may have failed to take into consideration the extent that Council's consult their communities with respect to revenue raising.

Therefore, Council requests that the Productivity Commission undertake more field based research on the extent that Council's consult their communities with respect to revenue raising and how this informs Council in balancing benefit and ability to pay.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 5871 9215.

Yours faithfully

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