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The Hon Dr Steven Miles MP
Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
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Dear Deputy Premier

FAGs Methodology Review 2021 – Support for Review Outcomes

I write on behalf of the nine (9) member councils of the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) – Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa and Richmond, to express our support for the outcomes of the recent review undertaken by the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission and the indicative allocations advised to all councils in December 2021.

This matter was discussed at last Friday’s General Meeting of the NWQROC, and the following resolution was adopted:

“That the NWQROC write to the Hon Dr Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning advising of our support for the outcomes of the 2021 Financial Assistance Grants Methodology Review undertaken by the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission. The review has addressed the long-standing inequities in the distribution methodology and recognised the needs of rural and remote councils for greater financial support in the delivery of essential services and the sustainability of our communities.”

The NWQROC, along with our partner councils in the central west and south west, joined together in the preparation of the comprehensive submission by the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC). Our 22 councils represent the truly rural and remote areas of Queensland and the WQAC submission highlighted the wide range of services and facilities we have to provide when compared to our counterparts across the rest of the State.

In the absence of public and private sector provided services available in these other areas we are the providers of last resort. The livability of our towns and their sustainability in support of the economy of Western Queensland revolves around our councils and their capability to deliver essential services. This has been recognised by the Commission and reflected in the new allocations and we commend the Commission and its Chair, Paul Bell AM for achieving this outcome.



For any further information please contact our Executive Officer, Greg Hoffman PSM on 0418 756 005 or nwqroc@carpentaria.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Cr Jack Bawden, Chair and
Mayor, Carpentaria Shire Council

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Mr Paul Bell AM, Chair, Queensland Local Government Grants Commission

