

**Submission
No 11**

**INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

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The Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Furolo

Submission on inquiry into the public funding of local government election campaigns

Thank you for providing Campbelltown City Council the opportunity to comment on the issues paper prepared by the Joint Standing Committee.

Campbelltown City Council does not have detailed comments to provide to the inquiry but would like to provide some general commentary in relation to the issue.

Whilst we support the inquiry investigating options for the funding of Local Government elections and agree that there could be a more appropriate approach to the funding arrangements, we would suggest that Local Government is not in a position or will they be in a position in the future to provide the funding to support an alternative model.

Local Government continues to experience significant burden on its income from areas beyond its control, for example cost shifting from other levels of Government and increases in utility charges. Local Government cannot continue to withstand these demands on its income and would strongly support an alternative funding source to any new model.

If you require any further information please contact Michael Sewell, Director Business Services, on 4645 4663.

Yours sincerely



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