

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY AND VALUE FOR
MONEY OF NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

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Dear David Shoebridge

SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ENQUIRY INTO GOVERNMENT FUNDING SCHEMES

Council is appreciative of the support offered through several funding streams including but not limited to Growing Local Economies Fund, Stronger Country Communities Fund, Fixing Local Roads, Boating Now and Fixing Local Roads program.

I write to the Inquiry to express the positive differences the funding programs have always brought to the Wentworth Shire Council community. To date the funding programs have proven to reinvigorate the economy by boosting employment and spending. In times of difficult circumstances through drought and now COVID 19 the delivery of the projects give hope to those impacted residents of our remote area.

Wentworth Shire Council has first hand knowledge and experience of the benefits of these programs with improvement to infrastructure including road upgrades, construction of new community halls, aerodrome upgrades and waterway facilities replacement. As can be seen from these examples the funding programs can deliver to a diverse range of community members. This broad spectrum of projects creates jobs and spending throughout various specialised construction fields and allows the benefits to be shared.

The benefits of the funding programs create a positive vibe within our remote and rural communities and the government is urged to continue to provide support through similar mechanisms.

Should you require any clarification of the content of this letter please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the General Manager

Yours sincerely