

DRAFT LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT, LEADER
OF THE OPPOSITION AND OPPOSITION TRANSPORT SPOKESMAN

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Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

[Insert date]

Dear XXXXXXX

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- **continue the Roads to Recovery Program with the current administrative arrangements; and**
- **provide an increased level of funding under a future Roads to Recovery Program that recognises the shortfall of funding on local roads of \$1.2 billion annually.**

Council urges you to consider this resolution as the (*government/opposition*) develops its future transport infrastructure funding programs.

Yours sincerely

Mayor

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Member for
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Council urges you to bring this resolution to the attention of government ministers and shadow ministers whenever the opportunity arises.

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