



Memo to: Mayor Watton and All Councillors

Copy to: General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Robert Maginnity, Director Corporate and Community Services

Subject: Submission to inquiry into Local Government Funding

Date: 4 February 2026

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Mayor Watton and All Councillors

At the Council meeting of 19 November 2025, Council resolved:

That Council provides a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport in regards to the Committees new inquiry into local government funding and financial sustainability as it affects Cessnock City Council by 3 February 2026.

Council officers lodged a submission to this committee on 2 February 2026. A copy of the submission is attached for your information.

Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.

Enclosure 1: Submission to House of Representatives Standing Committee

Publication note: Members of the public may access information in relation to the Inquiry, incorporating submissions including that made by Council, on the Inquiry website at:
[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_Infrastructure_and_Transpo
rt/LocalGovernmentFunding](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_Infrastructure_and_Transport/LocalGovernmentFunding)