

Template letter for ALP and cross benchers

Dear <insert local member's name>

I'm writing on behalf of [insert council name]

Congratulations on your election and for becoming an incoming member of the 46th Parliament.

I hope to have the opportunity to work closely with you and >> your fellow Opposition/cross bench members << during the next parliament to unlock the potential of our community and make it even better.

I value our existing partnership with the Australian Government through the Roads to Recovery, Black Spot and Bridges Renewal programs, as the provision of quality community and regional infrastructure is an issue of priority for local government.

Increasingly, all levels of government need to work in partnership to deliver better infrastructure and services to local communities. We share the same ambitions to improve productivity, create prosperous and liveable places and improve the quality of life of our residents, enhance community wellbeing and social cohesion. Successful partnerships benefit our local communities and the nation as a whole, for we are one community.

Working together offers more ways of empowering our local communities and driving productivity and sustainable job creation. It is a means of identifying and harnessing resources and opportunities that would otherwise not exist. It provides an opportunity to put our community first and at the centre of everything the government does.

Critical to a successful working partnership is the restoration of Commonwealth Government funding to local communities via the Financial Assistance Grants so we can deliver services, facilities and infrastructure for our communities. Our communities are safer, stronger, healthier and happier when local councils get a fairer share of funding.

I look forward to an early opportunity to meet you to discuss how we can work together to unlock the potential of our communities and make them even better.

Yours sincerely

<name, title, council>