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Dear Ms Hobson

Thank you for your submission in response to the Electoral Expenditure Caps Discussion Paper. I am pleased to provide an update about the proposed local government electoral expenditure caps scheme.

As you are aware, the Queensland Government committed to establish a local government electrical expenditure caps scheme as part of our response to the previous Parliament's Economics and Governance Committee *Inquiry into the feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland Local Government elections*.

In April 2022, the Electoral Expenditure Caps Discussion Paper was released by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to support engagement with stakeholders and to seek their views through a consultative process. Every Queensland Councillor and Mayor was encouraged to make a submission on the discussion paper.

Stakeholders were broadly supportive of a local government electoral expenditure caps scheme. Some elements have been adjusted in response to stakeholder feedback. Attachment 1 to this letter outlines the key elements of the scheme that will now be developed into a Bill to be presented to Parliament later this year.

There will be the opportunity for further stakeholder engagement with the proposed scheme through the Parliamentary Committee review process.

I have asked Mr Stephen Robbins, A/Deputy Director-General, Local Government Division in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Robbins on 0436 840 013 or by email at stephen.robbins@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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