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Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Minister for Women

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Mayor David O'Loughlin
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Australian Local Government Association
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Dear Mayor O'Loughlin

Thank you for your letter regarding council motions submitted for debate at your National General Assembly. I am sorry to hear your assembly was cancelled.

I am encouraged to see local councils supporting women and girls' leadership aspirations and participation in sport and recreation.

The Office for Women delivers projects under the Women's Leadership and Development Program (WLDP) to improve outcomes for women across five key areas, including: economic security; workforce participation; leadership; safety; and international engagement.

With respect to Motion 109, it may interest you to know that Local Government Professionals Australia received a WLDP grant for \$90,000 (GST ex.) in June 2020, to deliver a program to support women working in local government. There are currently no further grant opportunities available under the WLDP, but I encourage interested councils to register for updates on the WLDP at GrantConnect www.grants.gov.au.

I note you have sent Motion 108 to my colleague Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck. Senator Colbeck will respond to the motion in his role as Minister for Youth and Sport.

I hope this letter assists to inform a productive National General Assembly in 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marise Payne".

MARISE PAYNE

Cc: Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Minister for Youth and Sport