



**The Hon Luke Howarth MP**

**Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services**

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Mayor David O'Loughlin  
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Dear Mayor O'Loughlin

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 2019 concerning the resolutions from the National General Assembly of Local Government (the NGA) of 16-19 June 2019. I understand you have also written to my colleague, the Minister for Housing, the Hon Michael Sukkar MP. Minister Sukkar and I will jointly consider the resolutions, and Minister Sukkar will provide you with a detailed response prior to 1 November 2019.

I appreciate the contribution the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has made to the housing and homelessness policy debate. The Australian Government recognises the matters raised by the NGA, and supported by the ALGA Board, affect many Australians. Housing is fundamental to the welfare of all Australians. We are both in agreement that effectively addressing homelessness requires long term and systematic effort across governments and the community.

Thank you again for taking the time to raise these important matters with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Howarth'.

**Luke Howarth**

Cc. Minister for Housing, the Hon Michael Sukkar MP.