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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 16 February 2017 regarding Melton City Council and its priorities for economic growth.

I was pleased to read of your council's work to support your growing community. The Australian Government continues to support local government through the Financial Assistance Grant programme, helping councils deliver infrastructure, health, recreation, environmental and employment projects.

The Government has committed \$9.7 billion to the Financial Assistance Grant programme for local governments from 2016-17 to 2019-20, with \$2.3 billion funding going to local governments to support their work in communities in 2016-17. This year Melton City Council will receive over \$13.3 million to support local priorities.

As the Minister for Local Government and Territories I look forward to working with councils across Australia to support their important work. I want to help local governments build communities our children and grandchildren either want to stay in or come back to.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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