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Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
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Dear Dr Worth

RE: Invitation for Submission

Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to the Education and Health Standing Committee's *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in Western Australia*.

Local Government in Western Australia is not a primary provider of this service, however, the problems associated with excessive alcohol use impacts both directly and indirectly on the business of many local governments in Western Australia.

In response to this issue the WA Local Government Association in conjunction with the WA Drug and Alcohol Office produced a resource for Local Government in 2007 titled "*Local Government Alcohol Management Package: a Toolkit to Assist Western Australian Local Governments*". This resource enables Local Government to identify the issues and work through the formation of an alcohol policy and management plan that sets out a preventative model of dealing with the issues of alcohol misuse. A copy is attached for your reference.

A successful grant was obtained from the Department of the Attorney-General to employ a project officer to work with some pilot councils using the Local Government Alcohol Management Package to address the issue of alcohol misuse within the community. This project is currently underway and will conclude in April 2010.

For enquiries please contact Marianne Carey, Alcohol and Crime Management Project Coordinator, on telephone 9213 2071.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Mitchell".

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