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Ms Lauren Mesiti
Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Public Administration
Legislative Council
Parliament House, Perth WA 6000

Dear Ms Mesiti

Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) in Western Australia – a Submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration from the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils

I write to you as the Executive Officer for the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC).

GVROC is regional grouping of local governments that operates by way of a Memorandum of Understanding, with the purpose of improving the communities across the Goldfields Esperance Region. Its members include the:

Shire of Coolgardie;
Shire of Dundas;
Shire of Esperance;
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder;
Shire of Laverton;
Shire of Leonora;
Shire of Menzies;
Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku;
Shire of Ravensthorpe; and
Shire of Wiluna.

At a meeting on Friday 7 March 2014 the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group considered the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. Whilst not aware of any particular problems with PATS across the Goldfields-Esperance region, GVROC's Member Councils are aware that in other parts of rural and regional WA the issue of PATS and the perceived inequity in access is of considerable concern.

Because of this the meeting resolved to write to the Committee with the request that it conduct public hearings across regional WA as part of the inquiry into PATS in Western Australia, with one to be held in the Goldfields Esperance Region.

Should the Committee agree to conduct a hearing in the Goldfields Esperance Region Member Councils would be happy to provide a venue at which the hearing could be conducted.



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Thank you again for the opportunity to have input into the Committee's Inquiry.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Helen Westcott
Executive Officer

14 May 2014