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Local Government Division
Essential Services Commission
Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street
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To whom it may concern,

RE: ASU response to setting a Local Government Efficiency Factor Draft Proposal

I write in relation to the abovementioned matter. I offer this feedback on behalf of ASU members employed in Local Government.

From the outset I would like to state my disappointment the ESC has refused to alter its proposed efficiency factor in any material way despite the overwhelming and fairly homogenous feedback received from sector stakeholders. Based on the written submissions received during the first round of consultation it is clear Local Government stakeholders are neither convinced the ESC has got it right in its choice of how to measure efficiency in Local Government, nor indeed, on whether there is even a need for an efficiency factor as part of setting the rate cap.

I am disappointed the ESC has chosen to ignore this consistent feedback it has received from organisations and individuals who are intimately involved in Local Government.

It being the case the ESC has not materially changed its proposed efficiency factor measure from its September 2017 proposal, I ask you to revisit my submission – along with those of other stakeholders – and adjust your proposed methodology for calculating the efficiency factor to reflect that feedback.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with the ASU please contact ASU Research and Policy Officer, Robert Bozinovski via rbozinovski@asuvictas.com.au or on 0417 108 206.

Yours faithfully,

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