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Dear Honourable Mark Coulton MP,

***Re: Federal assistance needed at the grassroots level***

As an Australian who lives in Queensland’s North Burnett region, in the federal electorate of Flynn, I am writing to illustrate to you what restoring the Federal Assistant Grant to 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue would mean to me.

I write this following community consultation undertaken by the North Burnett Regional Council regarding council’s proposed budgetary considerations pertaining to the future operations of the region.

For me, 1% would mean**, {insert your story here of what this means to you e.g. Adequate road maintenance/other}.**

Without it**, {explain to the minister what this region looks like if funding isn’t increased}.**

As one of Australia’s decision makers, there has never been a more impactful time for you and your colleagues to make a decision that would have a profound impact for generations to come.

The Labor party recently amended its policy platform to restore the Federal Assistance Grants and I am respectfully asking that the Liberal and National Parties include it in their policy platforms too. The futures of this great country’s regional areas, like the North Burnett, depend on it.

Regards

**{insert your name here}**

**{insert your contact details here}**