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Linda Scott
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Dear Ms Scott,

Federal Government Wage Subsidy

Following the announcement from the Federal Government of the 'JobKeeper' wage subsidy program we urge Local Government NSW and all NSW Council's to ensure that they are in a position to benefit from this program should it become available.

This may include registration with the Australian Taxation Officer to ensure ongoing payments are made to staff where necessary.

Moreover, we urge your organisation to join with the Industry Unions in formalising an arrangement to ensure the maintenance of pay for all staff in local government. During this unprecedented crisis it is essential that all levels of government continue to provide stable, well-paying jobs that ensure essential services and economic benefits continue to be delivered to communities.

I also committ that should your organisation need any assistance in seeking political change or support to ensure the ongoing financial viability of local government, that the USU will do anything within its power to assist you in those efforts.

Regards,

Graeme Kelly OAM
GENERAL SECRETARY