

**ITEM NO: 28**

**SUBJECT: PRECIS OF SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE, 21/10/2008**

**FILE NO: C00680**

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**Recommendation:**

*That the Précis of Selected Correspondence be received and appropriate letters forwarded where necessary.*

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**1. 15/09/2008 – 2008 Naidoc petition**

103 citizens of NSW and in particular of the Blue Mountains requesting that Council supports consultation and negotiation with local Aboriginal organisations and community members regarding appropriate Aboriginal art and cultural representation within the new Blue Mountains Cultural Centre.

**2. 26/09/2008 – The Hon Anthony Albanese MP**

Invitation to the Mayor to attend the inaugural meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government (see attached).

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Attachment



**The Hon Anthony Albanese MP**

Minister for Infrastructure,  
Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government  
Leader of the House



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26 September 2008

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Dear Mr Pinyon

copy for info - AM

On 18 September 2008, the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, and I announced the establishment of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) to forge a new cooperative engagement between the Commonwealth and local government. The creation of this Council has been endorsed by the President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell AM.

I am writing to invite your Mayor to attend the inaugural meeting of the ACLG to be hosted by the Prime Minister at Parliament House on 18 November 2008. Your Mayor is also invited to a welcoming function on the evening of 17 November 2008 where the winners of the 2008 National Awards for Local Government will be presented.

The one-day meeting will give communities a real voice in addressing issues of vital national and local interest, including priorities for national and local infrastructure, tackling the challenges of our major cities and examining a process for recognition of local government in the Commonwealth Constitution.

The Government will meet the costs of holding the meeting but each attendee is asked to bear their own travel and accommodation costs.

Please RSVP your Mayor's attendance at both the meeting and evening function by email no later than 8 October 2008 to <localgovernment@infrastructure.gov.au>. I would appreciate it if you could also provide a direct email address and phone number so additional information on the meeting can be provided.

An Agenda and further information about the meeting will be forwarded prior to the event. If you have any further queries, please contact the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on 1800 065 113.

Yours sincerely

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