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Your submission for this review:

Canberra Region Joint Organisation comprises 11 members councils: Eurobodalla; Bega Valley; Snowy Monaro; Queanbeyan Pelelang; Yass Valley; Upper Lachlan; Snowy Valleys; Goulburn Mulwaree; Hilltops; Wingecarribee; and Wagga Wagga; and Canberra Airport & ACT Government. This submission is in addition to individual submissions by member councils.

Comments on draft ToRs: - need to include consideration of differences between regional & metro councils: regionals have smaller rate base & more kms of roads, water & sewer networks, regionals suffer more disasters & damage to assets, natural environment, economy & community wellbeing; regionals have lesser ability to raise non-rates "own source revenue" (eg. parking tickets revenue) & lesser ability to generate revenue from entrepreneurial pursuits given need to not compete with small local suppliers, all of which warrant specific consideration in the review - rates affordability & equity in rating system is a large aspect of council revenue should be in scope for review, building on rate peg methodology review - state & federal operational grants, are large aspects of council revenue that are not in draft ToRs but are as important in the review as own source revenue & grants, particularly in item 3 of the ToRs (current council funding model), there is a focus in the draft ToRs on council management of finances, yet the item is silent on state & federal revenue which is as important The following also need to be included in scope for the review: - effective lowering of federal & state operating grants compared with increasing service delivery expectations (cost shifting) - impact of capital grants without assistance for resulting increased whole of life costs (maintenance, depreciation, operating costs) - grants' lack of admin costs cover for councils, many grants too expensive to access - impact of increasing regulatory burden (eg. FOGO) without recognition or operational funding to support increased costs