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Thank you for your prompt response however, I was really disappointed in that, no senior official from the CGC will review the facts that I have provided, as a matter of urgency, which it is!

There is an old saying, "GOOD NEWS TRAVELS FAST " & I believe the opposite also applies, I E "bad news travels slow" I assume we will receive the bad news by mid year 2015

Here in the West, Thousands of kilometers from Canberra, the seat of power, there are many people, including myself, who are convinced that WA is "out of sight & out of the minds" of the East coast MPs & Federal government officials, who willingly ensure that the East coast receives the best deals.

We are suspicious of the ongoing platitudes offered to our State as justifying the decisions to continually reduce the GST returns to Western Australia.

Federal funding for roads & bridges is a classic example.

Victorias evidence submissions, stated & was accepted, that in Victoria the total Km of roads was almost equal to the total Km of roads in WA. To achieve such a total in the smallest State, they would have to include all their rangers bush trails, goat tracks & fire breaks, yet this was accepted & acted upon, in the allocation of road funding. Once again, WA missed out.

Instead of supporting WA, from where much of Australias export income is derived, we are starved of desperately needed \$ for infrastructure.

If a senior official from CGC ever visits WA, they would find a valid air of resentment & increased talk of secession, we are not receiving a fair return from Canberra & people are angry.

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