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Council responds to petition

The Huon Valley Council received a petition containing 70 signatures seeking Council to release its submissions to the Board of Inquiry reports.

Huon Valley Council Mayor Peter Coad said Council considered the petition at its meeting on the 31 August 2016.

Council indicated that it wanted to move forward in implementing the Ministerial Directions from the Board of Inquiry, working in the best interests of the community.

“Council does not intend to revisit matters provided by the Ministerial Directions and it is concentrating on mediation to ensure the Directions and timeframes are adhered to,” he said.

“If we are able to achieve a genuine change in the culture of Council, this will be in line with the intent of the Ministerial Directions. This will provide the opportunity for Council to restore community confidence in the municipality.

“As the Board of Inquiry process has progressed, there has been no diminution in services Council provides to ratepayers and meetings with the Department of Premier and Cabinet have been very constructive to date,” he said.



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