



MEDIA RELEASE

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No action to be taken on petition

A petition tabled at last months' Council Meeting requesting the termination of the General Manager was considered in Closed Council on 27 July.

Acting Mayor Sally Doyle said Council has acknowledged the findings of both the Edge Legal and the Auditor General's reports that reviewed the recruitment process for the General Manager appointment.

"As recommended by the Edge Legal Report, Councillors underwent training in February to ensure current and future Councillors are better supported in identifying and managing conflict of interest in recruitment processes.

"A commitment was made to the community about undertaking this training and about making sure Council's guiding documentation is updated to reflect the better practices. These actions will ensure that any future council won't find itself in this position again."

"The Council has also comprehensively considered the recruitment process following the public meeting of 4 February 2022."

The Council has resolved to take no further action on the petition.

The petition contained 293 signatures and requested Council to:

- *Acknowledge that Council's recruitment process for a General Manager was compromised by the identified conflict of interest*
- *As soon as possible give Jason Brown three (3) months' notice*
- *Appoint an external Acting General Manager from the date of expiry of that period until the new Council, elected in October 2022, completes the appointment process for a new general manager using contemporary HR practices, including Council's April 27, 2022 "Management of Conflicts of Interest Policy".*

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