

Bronwyn Lyon

From: Mayor Peta Pinson
Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2020 5:14 PM
To: Councillors
Cc: Craig Swift-McNair; Bronwyn Lyon; Michael Ferguson
Subject: FW: Request to Meet with the Minister for Local Government

Importance: High

Councillors,

Please find an email below sent to you all almost a year ago.
I may table this a tonights meeting.

Peta Pinson
Mayor



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From: Craig Swift-McNair <Craig.Swift-McNair@pmhc.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2020 5:12 PM
To: Mayor Peta Pinson <mayor@pmhc.nsw.gov.au>
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Regards

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From: Mayor Peta Pinson <mayor@pmhc.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 11:58 AM
To: Councillors <councillors@pmhc.nsw.gov.au>
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Subject: Request to Meet with the Minister for Local Government
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Councillors,

I email to advise you all that I have written to MP Leslie Williams this morning requesting a meeting with the Minister for Local Government to discuss my serious concerns over the decision making of the majority of the elected body and the impact those decisions are having on the community.

I consider that the Elected Body of Council as a group of nine is dysfunctional and this dysfunction is preventing the General Manager and his staff from undertaking their roles as effectively as possible. Council staff are exposed also to the elected Councillors inability to work together which puts undue pressure on their performance also.

The toxic relationship, which has been evident and unresolved for the past two years is now at a point where it is becoming unworkable. The community also has been exposed to the dysfunction at Council Meetings and the relationship between myself as Mayor and the Deputy Mayor is simply volatile. The continuous attempts at bullying, harassment and intimidation at various times by many of you is an experience I have never been subjected to in all of my adult working life. I have made numerous complaints about this at the times they have occurred.

It is not the role of the General Manager to referee continuous complaints and personalities and his time has well been taken up with attempting to manage the situation for an extended period of time, taking away from his core responsibilities.

I have not made the decision to meet with the Minister lightly, however the evidence of the past two years demonstrates how we have got to where we are today. The Community deserves a more professional approach to the way the elected body conduct business on their behalf and in my opinion this is not occurring.

I have today given interviews with Port News, Prime and NBN advising of my decision to request to meet with Shelly Hancock, Minister for Local Government over my concerns over the handling of the Orbital Road and other matters.

Peta Pinson

Mayor



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