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26th August , 2022

Attention: Code of Conduct Framework feedback
Local Government Division
Department of Premier and Cabinet
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Dear Nic Street MP,

Re: George Town Council's Code of Conduct Framework Submission

George Town Council met on the 23rd August 2022 Ordinary meeting to discuss the review of the Local Government Code of Conduct Framework. Council resolved the following:

Minute No. 114/22

That Council:

1. Request the General Manager to submit to the Department of Premier and Cabinet in relation to the draft *Local Government Amendment (Code of Conduct) Bill 2022*; seeking consideration for the following to be included in amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* and/or *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*:
 - i. The ability for the Code of Conduct Panel to award administrative costs associated with the assessment, hearing and determination process at the discretion of the Panel;
 - ii. The ability for the Code of Conduct Panel to award costs for expenses incurred for legal advice and/or representation of the Councillor/s associated with the defence of a complaint, awarded at the discretion of the Panel, should the Panel find in favour of the defendant;
 - iii. The inclusion of insurance protections for Councillors as is afforded to directors who preside on boards of incorporated associations in a voluntarily capacity, through protections such as Directors Liability Insurance policies;
 - iv. Establish a pool of professionally accredited mediators (through Local Government Association of Tasmania or the Department of Premier and Cabinet) for the purposes of administrating dispute resolution procedures (as is the case with the State's education sector);

- v. Past elected representatives and employees cannot within two years of last service, act as mediator for a dispute resolution process or sit as a member of the code of conduct panel that is considering a complaint in relation to the Council in which they served.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER