



City of **HOBART**

**Memorandum:** Lord Mayor  
Deputy Lord Mayor  
Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **MEDIA RELEASE OF 28 JANUARY 2020**

**Meeting: Finance and Governance Committee** Meeting date: 18 February 2020

**Raised by:** Alderman Behrakis

#### **Question:**

Is it true that after the meeting of full Council on 28 January 2020, a media release was drafted, as is usual practice?

If so, is it true that the media release was re-written after being drafted to remove mention of one of the Elected Members?

If so, is it true that the Lord Mayor requested the media release be amended to remove the name of other Elected Members?

#### **Response:**

In accordance with normal practice, a draft media release was prepared for the Lord Mayor's consideration. The Lord Mayor, as spokesperson for the Council under the Local Government Act, approved the final version of the media release for distribution.

Media statements drafted and released immediately after Council meetings are designed to capture in dot points, a broad range of the decisions made on the night and for this reason, are often kept fairly high-level.

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*

N D Heath  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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