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Council acts on Ministerial Directions

Council has begun the process of implementing the Ministerial Directions (June 15, 2016) from the Tasmanian Minister for Local Government, Peter Gutwein following the release of the Board of Inquiry (BOI) report into the Huon Valley Council.

The Minister, having considered the submissions and the BOI Report chose to make 7 Directions.

The Ministerial Directions included:

- Arranging formal mediation between the Mayor and General Manager, delivered by an independent provider;
- Discontinuing the Council Portfolio system;
- Mediated conflict resolution training for all councillors delivered by an independent provider;
- Training for all councillors on their roles and responsibilities;
- Ensuring all public statements are first approved by the Council, or if impractical, by the Mayor and General Manager.
- Reporting on the progress of implementation every 2 months (for the first 6 months) and then quarterly to the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Huon Valley Mayor, Peter Coad said there's a long way to go with the process but the whole council is focused on coming up with a solution.

"Last night's Special Council meeting considered the very important issue of ensuring all timeframes in the Ministerial Directions are met.

"The Council is absolutely committed to carrying out these directions to ensure that the Council continues to represent the community into the future," he said.



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