



MEDIA RELEASE

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Public Petition Tabled at Council Meeting

A petition regarding the process undertaken by the Huon Valley Council for recruiting and appointing the new General Manager was tabled at last night's Council meeting.

The petition is currently being assessed for compliance with Section 59 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). The assessment of the signatories against the electoral roll is expected to be completed prior to Christmas, however this is not expected to be completed in time for the December Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 16 December 2021.

Mayor Bec Enders said the petition is stated to contain 1,401 signatures and calls on the Council to hold a public meeting.

"To require Council to call a public meeting the petition must be signed by at least 5 per cent of the electors of the Huon Valley. The assessment involves checking each signatory to the petition against the electoral roll."

Council is required to consider the petition within 42 days of it being tabled.

A report will now be prepared for the December Ordinary Meeting that will advise of the assessment process and provide advice to Council about holding a public meeting in the new year.

A submission period is required prior to the holding of a public meeting. Council will consider the timing of the submission period at the December Ordinary Council Meeting.

"By considering the process for the petition at the December Ordinary Council Meeting, it will allow for the submission period to run through January next year and the public meeting (yet to be confirmed) to be held in early February. This way we can avoid the Christmas/New Year public holiday period, a time when most people are occupied, travelling and/or holidaying," Mayor Enders said.

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