



**The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP**  
Minister for the Environment  
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Clr Leigh Byron and Mr Bob Stewart  
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Dear Clr *Leigh* Byron and Mr *Bob* Stewart

I am writing regarding the Performance Improvement Order (PIO) issued to Council on 26 April 2017 and Council's advice on its compliance with that order.

On the available information, Council has substantially complied with the requirements of the PIO by developing an implementation plan that addresses the findings and recommendations from the Office of Local Government's preliminary enquiry report (compliance report 1). I also note that Council has incorporated the recommendations made by the temporary adviser relating to additional risks and areas of non-compliance identified by him.

The PIO appears to have been largely successful in enabling Council to recognise the significant and serious risks facing Council's operations and ensuring that Council is in a position to meet its legislative responsibilities.

Council must now adopt the implementation plan and provide me with a written report on its progress against the implementation plan within 12 weeks of the date of this letter (compliance report 2).

Upon receipt of Council's report I will determine what, if any, further intervention action is required.

Please ensure this letter is immediately circulated to all councillors and tabled in open Council at the next available Council meeting.

Yours sincerely

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