



MEDIA RELEASE

21st August 2018

Councillor Stephen O'Halloran Suspended for 2 months

Under Section 440I(2)(c), (d) and (g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, The Office of Local Government has taken the following action towards Cr Stephen O'Halloran;-

1. by order, directed Cr O'Halloran to apologise to a staff member in writing (s.440I(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
2. by order, directed Cr O'Halloran to apologise to Mayor at a council meeting in his presence (s.440I(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
3. by order, direct Cr O'Halloran to cease engaging in misconduct (s.440I(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
4. by order, suspend Cr O'Halloran from civic office for a period of 2 months (s.440I(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Cr O'Halloran's suspension commences on 21st August 2018 until 20th October 2018 inclusive for a period of 2 months.

"Balranald Shire Council Mayor, Cr Leigh Byron says he is disappointed with the outcome. Balranald Shire Council respects the findings of the Office of Local Government and the suspension order by the chief executive Tim Hurst."

Michael Kitzelmann

GENERAL MANAGER

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