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The Secretary NSW Office of local Government.

Dear Secretary

I understand the NSW Office of Local Government is currently conducting a review of NSW Local Council's Code of meeting practices.

Individuals who get elected are generally expected to attend in person, council Meetings, Councilor Briefings and Councilor workshops. That's what they receive remunerations for, which is public money. However, many elected representatives are not attending meetings in person, but are doing so by audio link well outside the local Council areas where they are elected. On holiday breaks too, from who knows where. The meeting attendances by audio link is being abused by some elected individuals. The OLG needs to produce some clarity language about attending council meetings etc. in person or for special purposes by audio link, I'd suggest. Being elected to represent the public is a bit more than just seen to be doing, just for the purposes of collecting the weekly or monthly remunerations and out of pocket expenses.

Yours sincerely

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