



Wendy Tuckerman
Minister for Local Government

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WINGECARRIBEE SHIRE COUNCILLORS DISMISSED

An independent report from the public inquiry into Wingecarribee Shire Council has been tabled in the NSW Parliament by Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman, with action taken to immediately dismiss the councillors.

Commissioner Ross Glover's report made nine recommendations, including that the currently suspended councillors be discharged and an administrator appointed until the next State-wide Local Government elections in September 2024.

Mrs Tuckerman said she accepts the report's key recommendation that all civic offices at Wingecarribee Shire Council should be declared vacant, and has advised the council.

"The report raised serious concerns about dysfunction within Wingecarribee Shire Council and returning councillors to their civic offices was clearly not a sustainable or acceptable situation," Mrs Tuckerman said.

"Wingecarribee residents deserve confidence their council is operating in their best interests, and by taking this action, we will ensure certainty and stability for both residents and council staff."

Mr Viv May, who has been Interim Administrator of the Council, has been asked to continue in that role until a new election is held.

Mrs Tuckerman said she had informed Member for Wollondilly Nathaniel Smith of her decision.

Elections for new Wingecarribee Shire councillors will be held on 14 September 2024, aligning with the next ordinary council elections across NSW.

Mrs Tuckerman said she would consider the remaining recommendations made by the Commissioner in due course.

A copy of the report is available at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public-inquiries

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