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Subject: Attn. Mr Brett Whitworth OLG Deputy Secretary - Blue Mountains City Council's submission on OLG's

Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices Discussion Paper

Date: Sunday, 9 February 2025 3:45:29 PM

Dear Mr Whitworth,

I refer to Blue Mountains City Council's submission, dated 27 Nov 2024, about the Office of Local Government's Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices Discussion Paper. Please note the Council did not seek the input of the residents of the Blue Mountains for its submission by the Mayor (Councillor Mark Greenhill) and General Manager (Ms Rosemary Dillon). Members of the public were also denied the opportunity to address the Council on its submission that was endorsed by the Council at its ordinary meeting of 28 Jan 2025 (minute no. 21), as the submission was raised through the Precis of Correspondence, which is an item of business that the Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits members of the public from addressing. This reflects the culture of community exclusion that exists at Blue Mountains City Council. But this practice by the Council is only the tip of the iceberg.

I support the proposed banning of councillor briefing sessions.

I, however, do not support the proposed restrictions not applying to the mayor of a council, which opens the door to corruption.

Please forward a copy of this email to the Minister for Local Government.

I have copied-in the Council's General Manager, Mayor and Councillors to this message. Yours faithfully,

Mr Ivan Jeray

Resident of the Blue Mountains.