

SUSPENSION REPORT ASSESSMENT

Central Darling Shire Council

Name of Administrator	Greg Wright
Date of Suspension Order	23 December 2013
Period of Suspension Order	3 months
Date of end of initial Suspension Order	24 March 2014
Date of extension of Suspension Order	21 March 2014
Period of extension of Suspension Order	3 Months
Date of end of Suspension Order	22 June 2014
Date of Report	10 June 2014

Terms of the order		Council's final report	Office's assessment
Action required of councillors during period of suspension	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Action required of interim administrator during period of suspension	Provide a final report and any recommendations, pursuant to section 438N of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	<p>Final report provided that outlines actions taken in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial sustainability • Financial systems and financial management and performance, including preparation of the Operational Plan and budget • Organisational aspects, including organisational structure and staffing • Service provision, including services to the community, grants, contract management • Statutory compliance 	<p>The section 438N report provides substantial evidence that supports satisfactory performance of the interim administrator during the period of the suspension.</p> <p>The report outlines areas where actions have improved or effectively managed the Council's financial risks.</p> <p>The report outlines a number of proposed actions to further improve on Council's current financial position.</p>
Reporting timeframes for interim administrator	Brief written reports weekly		Provided on time
	10 June 2014		Provided on time

Evidence to be provided	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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Has the suspension order been implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister/Chief Executive?

Yes

Is any further intervention required? If yes, recommended intervention action to be specified.

Yes, a Public Inquiry to be held to give Councillors the opportunity to demonstrate they can and will take responsibility for and confront Council's financial and structural issues. The reasons for recommending this intervention are:

- Current strategies are in an early stage of implementation and this will allow time for the Administrator to begin the implementation of the Recovery Plan.
- Risk that the councillors still do not understand the issues confronting the Council and the importance of the work to date.
- There needs to be a commitment to the Recovery Plan and there is a risk that councillors may not adhere to the Operational Plan, the budget strategies and the Administrator's Recovery Plan.
- Provide time for a new General Manager to be appointed and settle in.