



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

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Ms Lisa Miscamble
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Dear Ms Miscamble

I am writing to advise you that I have appointed Mr Ross Glover as Commissioner to hold a Public Inquiry into Wingecarribee Shire Council under section 438U of the *Local Government Act 1993* with the following terms of reference:

To inquire into, and report upon, the following matters:

- 1. Whether members of Council's governing body fully understand their roles and responsibilities and have adequately, reasonably and appropriately carried out their roles and responsibilities during the current term of Council.*
- 2. Whether, during the current term of Council, there has been improper interference by the elected body of Council, or by individual councillors, in operational matters, with particular reference to staffing and planning functions.*
- 3. Whether members of Council's governing body have been and will continue to be in a position to direct and control the affairs of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and to otherwise fulfil its statutory obligations.*
- 4. Any other matter that warrants inquiry, particularly those may impact on the effective administration of Council's functions and responsibilities or the community's confidence in the Council being able to do so.*

The Public Inquiry will provide an opportunity for a public, detailed examination of the issues that have confronted Council.

I have also decided that, having considered the matters raised by the interim administrator in his further report of 10 August 2021, it is on balance in the public interest to suspend the Council and have made this order pursuant to section 438W to suspend the Council.

I ask that you provide a copy of this letter to the interim administrator and all suspended councillors.

Mr Glover will contact you directly to advise of his appointment and the processes he proposes to adopt with respect to the Public Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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