

MEDIA RELEASE

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Council seeks professional mediator

Following the release of the Board of Inquiry Report into the Huon Valley Council, the Tasmanian Minister for Local Government, Peter Gutwein issued seven Ministerial Directions (15 June, 2016).

At the Huon Valley Council Special meeting on Monday 4 June, Council decided to call for Expressions of Interest for the appointment of a suitably qualified person to conduct formal mediation and conflict resolution in accordance with Ministerial Direction 1 (a) – ‘Arranging formal mediation between the Mayor and General Manager, delivered by an independent provider.’

The mediator is to have a combination of the following:-

- Experience in mediation and conflict resolution in a workplace setting;
- Formal qualifications in mediation, conciliation or arbitration;
- Experience in local government or a demonstrated understanding of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and
- Experience in a corporate environment in mediation and conflict resolution.

The meeting was adjourned to 12 noon, Thursday 14 July 2016 and expressions of interest will be considered in closed Council, in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



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