

## **ADDITIONAL ITEM**



**Item No:** 1.4  
**Title:** Administrator's Minute - End of Councillor Suspension Period  
**Department:** Administrator

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23 March 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting

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The Order made by the Minister for Local Government under Sections 438M and 438O of the Local Government Act 1993 expires on 29 April 2021. It is appropriate that steps be taken to transition back to an elected Council.

In my 30 day Interim Report I stated that Central Coast Councillors had not come to terms with the fundamental role of their position and their functions under the Local Government Act. In my 3 Month Progress Report I noted that changes have been implemented to see Central Coast Council return to a strong financial position over the next five years or so.

It will be imperative that Councillors, should they return to office, understand their role and also understand the systems that have been implemented to achieve good financial outcomes.

To facilitate this, I will be inviting all Councillors to attend two briefings. I would expect those suspended Councillors committed to the future of the Central Coast, and their role in it, to make all possible efforts to attend.

Below are further details. I note that it may be necessary to slightly amend the time or location due to logistical reasons.

### **Financial Briefing**

A financial briefing will be conducted on Tuesday 30 March 2020 in the afternoon. The briefing will be conducted in person only, but in accordance with Council's COVID safe plan.

The purpose of this briefing will be to give an overview of the financial situation and actions taken to date. Councillors will also be presented with examples of monthly reports that will be implemented for the information of Councillors and the community.

*Tuesday, 30 March 2021 – 4pm – Wyong Administration Building*

### **Meeting with CEO**

All Councillors will be invited to meet newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, David Farmer on the afternoon of Thursday, 15 April 2021.

This will be an informal meeting and will be conducted in person.

A strong working relationship between Council and the CEO will be vital to the future of Central Coast Council and its success.

*Thursday, 15 April 2021 – 4pm – Wyong Administration Building*

***I formally move:***

*That the suspended Central Coast Councillors be invited as set out in this Administrator's Minute to two briefings: Financial Briefing and Meeting with Chief Executive Officer.*