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The Acting General Manager
Flinders Council
Whitemark
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Dear Sophie

Re G 12 The Legal Advice Policy

I wish to lodge a submission against formal adoption of this policy for the following reasons

1. Contrary to usual practice this Policy was not developed at a workshop with the input of other Councilors. It appears to have been developed by only one Councilor
2. For policies to be workable and effective they need to be co-owned ie by the General Manager (GM) and staff and the Council. This policy has not been developed with input from the GM
3. This policy seems contrary to the Local Government Act in that Section 28A and 28 B are not covered. Those sections are there for good reason
4. I understand that legislation takes precedence so I fail to see how the policy can be implemented.
5. Perhaps a submission re the review of the Local Government Act would have been more appropriate
6. This policy will result in an extra workload for the existing Council staff and will also increase the work load for Councilors. In effect it is likely to lead to the Council/ Council Staff relationship becoming dysfunctional
7. This policy and the previous motion at the Council Meeting re Day to Day operations indicates a complete lack of faith in any GM that may be appointed to the position. Not a good welcome to the new incumbent

Having attended the Council Meeting when this policy was passed I wish to express my displeasure at the behavior of one of the Councilors towards the Acting GM. I was shocked by the verbal exchange.

With kind regards