Australian Government Registered Organisations Commission

3 October 2022

Scott Phillips Chief Executive Local Government NSW Sent via email: scott.phillips@lgnsw.org.au

cc:

Notification of changes – Action required

Dear Scott Phillips,

We acknowledge receipt of a Notification of Change to the office holders of the Local Government NSW (AR2022/79).

A list of those changes has been summarised in Appendix A at the end of this letter.

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- Inform all officers of their disclosure obligations
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These next steps are explained below in more detail.

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The organisation is responsible for this requirement. You should arrange for the relevant officers to have training as soon as possible.

Good governance processes around financial training are highly recommended. These include:

- keeping a list of all offices that have financial management duties
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The organisation and officers are both responsible for meeting this obligation.

Time frames for notifications of change

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Yours sincerely

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21 September 2022	N/A	Director (Metropolitan/Urban council) - new office holder	Yes

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO RECORDS (Changes to Records in the Annual Return) required to be kept in accordance with section 230 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and regulation 147 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009

I, Darriea Turley, being the President of the Local Government NSW ("LGNSW"), declare the following:

- 1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
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Signed: Darriea Turley, LGNSW President

Dated: 20 September 2022

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	Change	that has changed	Office Holder	Holder	Holder	Office Holder
N/A	29.8.2022	Director (Metropolitan/Urban council)	Vacant*	Cr Clare Raffan	Upper Ground Floor Bankstown Civic Tower 66 - 72 Rickard Road BANKSTOWN, NSW 2200 AUSTRALIA	Councillor

* <u>Note:</u> in December 2021 LGNSW advised the ROC that Michael Forshaw ceased to be a Board member.

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11 August 2022

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cc: scott.phillips@lgnsw.org.au

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Dated: 11 August 2022

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N/A	1.7.2022	Treasurer	Cr Jerome Laxale	Cr Nathan Hagarty	Shop R1 33 Moore Street LIVERPOOL, NSW 2170 AUSTRALIA	Councillor
N/A	18.7.2022	Director (Metropolitan/Urban Council)	Cr Nathan Hagarty	Cr Penelope Pedersen	3, Richardson Place North Ryde, NSW 2113 AUSTRALIA	Councillor

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24 May 2022

Darriea Turley President Local Government NSW Sent via email: lgnsw.lgnsw.org.au

cc: scott.phillips@lgnsw.org.au

Dear Darriea Turley

The Local Government NSW's annual return of information (Annual Return) lodged under subsection 233(1) of the RO Act

Thank you for providing your declarations and information (Annual Return) lodged under subsection 233(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).

Amended Summary of your Annual Return and Review Outcome

Year 2022 Matter number AR2022/79 Lodgement date 14 February 2022 Review Primary Review Result FILED

Your primary review

Your Annual Return had a **primary review** which checked whether it was signed by an officer, lodged on time, the required declarations were made, included the list of offices and office holders and whether you met the requirements that the ROC raised with you last year. A primary review does not examine all the requirements of subsection 233(1).

Your Annual Return satisfied the requirements of the primary review and has been uploaded to the ROC website.

The ROC's risk-based approach

This year your Annual Return was assessed against a primary review. A primary review does not check all legislative requirements.

Over a five year period the Annual Return of every organisation will be subject to at least one advanced review. An advanced review is a more comprehensive review.

The ROC's advanced review checklists are published on our website.

Do you have questions?

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If you have any queries we can be contacted on 1300 341 665 or by email at regorgs@roc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Australian Government

Registered Organisations Commission

15 February 2022

Darriea Turley President Local Government NSW Sent via email: <u>Ignsw@lgnsw.org.au</u>

cc: scott.phillips@lgnsw.org.au

Dear Scott Phillips

The Local Government NSW's Officer and related party disclosure statement (ORP Statement)

Thank you for providing your ORP statement. Your ORP statement includes information required to be provided to your members and lodged under subsection 293J of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).

Summary of your ORP Statement and Review Outcome

Financial year ending	31 March 2022
Matter number	AR2022/79
Lodgement date	14 February 2022
Review	Advanced Review
Result	FILED

Your advanced review

Your ORP statement had an **advanced review** which is a comprehensive review that evaluates compliance with the requirements of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.



Your ORP statement satisfied the requirements of the advanced review and has been uploaded to the ROC website.

The ROC's risk-based approach

Over a five year period the ORP statement of every organisation and branch will be subject to at least one advanced review. An advanced review is a comprehensive review. The ROC's <u>advanced review checklist</u> is published on our website.

This year your ORP statement was assessed against an advanced review.

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Yours sincerely

ANNUAL RETURN OF INFORMATION (organisation with no branches) in accordance with Regulation 147 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009 and Sections 230 and 233 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

I, Darriea Turley AM, being the President of the Local Government and Shires Association of New South Wales (the organisation), declare the following:

- 1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
- 2. The register of members has, during the immediately preceding calendar year, been kept and maintained as required by s.230(1)(a) and s.230(2) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the Act).
- 3. The following is a correct statement of the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the Act:
 - The address of the organisation is level 8, 28 Margaret Street, Sydney NSW 2000.1
 - The organisation has no branches and no branches have ceased or commenced in the previous 12 months.²
 - On 31 December in the previous year the number of members was 125 ordinary members and 13 associate members.³
 - A list of offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices as at the date of this declaration is attached at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.
 - Under the rules of the organisation, the following elections must be held between 1 January and 31 December of THIS YEAR:⁴

Committee Member (Metropolitan/Urban) (1)

- The organisation:
 - Has not entered into an agreement under s.151(1) of the Act with a state

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President LGNSW Dated: 14 February 2022

[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission by 31 March. It can be submitted to <u>regorgs@roc.gov.au</u>. If at any time in the year this information changes a Notification of Changes must be lodged with the ROC within **35 days** of the change⁵.]

¹ s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

² s.230(1)(d); reg.147(a), (b), (c) & (d)

³ s.230(1)(d); reg.147(f)

⁴ s.230(1)(d); reg.147(e)

⁵ s.233(2); reg. 151

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• Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation [insert as many pages as required]:

Name of Office (include any offices that are vacant)	Name of Office Holder	Postal Address of Office Holder	Occupation of Office Holder
President	Darriea Turley AM	Broken Hill City Council PO Box 448, BROKEN HILL NSW 2880	Councillor
Vice President (Metropolitan /Urban)	Khal Asfour	City of Canterbury Bankstown PO Box 8, BANKSTOWN NSW 1885	Councillor
Vice President (Regional / Rural)	Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council PO Box 62, BLAYNEY NSW 2799	Councillor
Treasurer	Jerome Laxale	City of Ryde Locked Bag 2069, NORTH RYDE NSW 1670	Councillor
Committee member (Metropolitan/Urban)	George Greiss	Campbelltown City Council PO Box 57, CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560	Councillor
Committee member (Metropolitan/Urban)	Julie Griffiths	Blacktown City Council PO Box 63, BLACKTOWN NSW 2560	Councillor
Committee member (Metropolitan/Urban)	Nathan Hagarty	Liverpool City Council Locked Bag 7064, LIVERPOOL BC NSW 1871	Councillor
Committee member (Metropolitan/Urban)	Karen McKeown OAM	Penrith City Council PO Box 60, PENRITH NSW 2751	Councillor
Committee member (Metropolitan/Urban)	Carmelo Pesce	Sutherland Shire Council Locked Bag 17, SUTHERLAND NSW 1499	Councillor
Committee member (Metropolitan/Urban)	Philipa Veitch	Randwick City Council 30 Frances Street, RANDWICK NSW 2031	Councillor

Name of Office (include any offices that are vacant)	Name of Office Holder	Postal Address of Office Holder	Occupation of Office Holder
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Jamie Chaffey	Gunnedah Shire Council PO Box 63, (63 Elgin Street) GUNNEDAH NSW 2380	Councillor
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Romola Hollywood	Blue Mountains City Council PO Box 67, WENTWORTH FALLS NSW 2782	Councillor
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Dominic King	Bellingen Shire Council PO Box 117, BELLINGEN NSW 2454	Councillor
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council PO Box 333, FORBES NSW 2871	Councillor
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Danielle Mulholland	Kyogle Council PO Box 269, KYOGLE NSW 2474	Councillor
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Nuatali Nelmes	City of Newcastle PO Box 489, NEWCASTLE NSW 2300	Councillor
Committee member (Regional/Rural)	Cameron Walters	Wollongong City Council Locked Bag 8821, WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500	Councillor