

# Statement

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## STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

I have received the final report from the municipal monitors appointed to the Geelong City Council.

I acknowledge the extensive work completed by the monitors Mr Peter Dorling and Mr Mark Davies between April 2024 and December 2024.

I am pleased to see that the findings in the report highlight positive changes in the Council's performance, while acknowledging areas for further improvement. This includes encouraging the Council to:

- Limit its use of Notices of Motion to only those that are calling for an officer report and meet the criteria outlined in the Governance Rules
- Review its current Governance Rules once the model rules for the sector have been developed, and
- Make changes to improve its long-term financial sustainability.

I thank Mr Dorling and Mr Davies for contributing their expertise and time to this important role.

The report is available at [https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0021/216615/Final-Municipal-Monitor-Report-Greater-Geelong-City-Council](https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0021/216615/Final-Municipal-Monitor-Report-Greater-Geelong-City-Council)