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Re Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Port Stephens Council

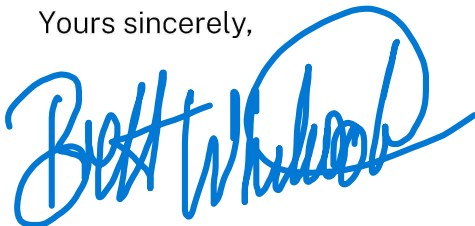
Dear Ms Webb

I am writing in response to your letters of 19 June 2024 to the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron. Hoenig MP and the Office of Local Government (OLG) about action taken by Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Port Stephens Council, through their legal representatives Maddocks Lawyers and Lindsay Taylor Lawyers, in relation to publications on the NSW Freedom of Information website.

While I acknowledge your concerns, as I am sure you are aware, councils owe statutory duties under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act) to ensure the health and safety of their employees. It is open to councils to take appropriate steps to address risks to the health and safety of their staff.

I hope this information is of assistance. Thank you for raising these matters with OLG.

Yours sincerely,



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Office of Local Government

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