



## 14.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Tim Baxter – Developer Register

I, Councillor Tim Baxter, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Meeting of Council on 04 October 2023:

That Council:-

1. Directs the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to develop a policy governing Councillor and officer contact with property developers, submitters, lobbyists, and other stakeholders in land use planning decision making processes
2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to model the policy in point 1 on that of Greater Dandenong's "Policy – Councillor Contact with Developers, Submitters and Lobbyists", with the major exception being that policy must be adhered to, rather than be voluntary, for Councillors and officers
3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, present a draft policy back to Council for consideration no later than the 15 November Council Meeting.

### Supporting Information

The Local Government Inspectorate – the agency responsible for investigating alleged breaches of the Local Government Act 2020 – has recommended all Victorian Councils create a policy which clearly sets out how Councillors should interact with developers.

The intent of this policy would be to create the ground rules for interactions with developers and associated stakeholders, improve public transparency, and manage community expectations.

It should also include the development of a publicly available register for recording all declared interactions with developers, submitters, lobbyists, and other stakeholders in land use planning decision making processes.

Four Victorian Councils have developed policies of this nature to date, with some requiring optional declarations of meetings with developers.

The release of the Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission's (IBAC) Operation Sandon special report has highlighted the need for greater transparency around developer's interactions with Councillors and Council officers.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil