

Dear Mrs Wilkinson

I refer to the copy of a letter from the TRRA dated 15 September 2014 and your subsequent emails concerning the call from the TRRA for a full investigation into Port Stephens Council, which was addressed to the Minister for Local Government.

Given the letter is addressed to the Minister Local Government, Council would not respond on behalf of the Minister. It is not Council's practice to acknowledge/respond to letters where Council is cc'd into the email or copy of a hardcopy letter, unless there is a statutory reason for action to be taken. On this occasion it would be up to the Minister to provide the TRRA with a response.

It should be noted that the General Manager has noted the letter to the Minister.

I trust this clarifies why a response has not been received from Council.

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From: TRRA Secretary [mailto:secretary@trra.com.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 1 October 2014 10:13 AM

Subject: Re: Request for Independent Review of Decisions at Port Stephens Council - ICAC Revelations

General Manager

We have received neither an acknowledgement nor a response to this letter of 15th September - this is well outside the Customer Service guidelines for responses to letters.

As this is well past the time for acknowledgement, could a response please be provided urgently.

Thank you

Margaret Wilkinson

Hon Secretary TRRA Inc

Phone: 49812881

----- Original Message -----

From: [TRRA Secretary](mailto:secretary@trra.com.au)

To: council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 7:21 PM

Subject: Fw: Request for Independent Review of Decisions at Port Stephens Council - ICAC Revelations

Could this copy of correspondence sent to the Minister for Local Government please be registered into the Council system and referred immediately to Mr Wayne Wallis, General Manager.

Thank you
Margaret Wilkinson
Hon Secretary TRRA Inc
Phone: 49812881

----- Original Message -----

From: [TRRA Secretary](#)
To: [Minister for Local Government](#)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 7:19 PM
Subject: Request for Independent Review of Decisions at Port Stephens Council - ICAC Revelations

Could the attached letter be registered as a Ministerial letter, an acknowledgement sent and a response provided as soon as possible please.

Please note that TRRA Inc is also sending a copy of this letter to Mr Wayne Wallis, General Manager of Port Stephens Council and to Sophie Costis, MLC, Shadow Minister for Local Government.

Thank you
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