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Ms Christine Pruneau
Secretary
Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc
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Dear Ms Pruneau

Re: Publication of Material on MRRA Website

On 25 March 2014 an item titled 'The Macedon Ranges Shire's Mayor/Officer Relationship' (the item) appeared on the Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc's (MRRA) website.

The item makes a number of statements about Council's Mayor and Economic Development and Tourism Manager which are untrue and harmful to their reputations. We strongly object to inaccurate and harmful information being published about individual Councillors and members of Council staff. While constructive criticism is welcomed, false and harmful statements about Councillors and members of Council staff are not. MRRA should be interested in issues and refrain from mounting inaccurate and personal campaigns.

I therefore ask that you remove the item from MRRA's website immediately, and refrain from publishing similarly inaccurate information in the future.

The facts are that:

- 1) The Mayor did use a casting vote to support a motion related to the East Paddock and Hanging Rock, but this was an alternate motion that differed from the officer's recommendation.
- 2) All Councillors on the Tokai, Japan visit paid their own expenses personally. Airfares, accommodation and some minor incidentals for the officer were approved and paid by Council.
- 3) Council funds have not been used to pay for other research trips as suggested on your website.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact me on 5422 0308.

Yours sincerely

Peter Johnston
Chief Executive Officer

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