

NOTICE OF MOTION

This form lodges a notice of intention to move a Notice of Motion in accordance with rule 41 of the Governance Rules. The full text of rule 41 is included below.

'A notice of motion must:

- a) Be **in writing**, or sent electronically, and generally be in a form approved by the Chief Executive Officer;*
- b) Be **signed, including by electronic means, by the Councillor submitting the notice of motion**;*
- c) Be **signed, including by electronic means, by another Councillor willing to second the motion for the purpose of debate at the meeting at which it will be considered**;*
- d) Be **lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm 6 days prior to the date of the meeting at which it is intended to be considered to ensure its inclusion in the agenda**; and*
- e) **Relate to the objectives, role and functions of Council as outlined in the [Local Government Act 2020].***

I, CouncillorOwen Sharkey..... give notice of my intention to move at the Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on23..... /5... / ...2023..... that:

Wording of proposed motion:

That Council, noting that the City of Greater Geelong's draft budget contribution to the Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) in 2023-24 results in a shortfall of \$1.118 million to the GRLC's draft 2023-24 budget, prepares a submission to the City of Greater Geelong draft budget noting that:

- Library facilities and services operated by GRLC play a regional role beyond individual municipal boundaries,*
- The GRLC's necessary decision to reduce, including close, library services within the City of Greater Geelong will impact residents of the broader region and not just the ratepayers of the City of Greater Geelong,*
- That the City of Greater Geelong increase its contribution to the GRLC in 2023-24 to a level that does not impact current service delivery in the region.*

Reasoning for proposed motion:

1. Regional Impact: Forcing Geelong Regional Libraries to use cash reserves directly impacts our region and its residents. By utilising these funds without proper consultation, there is a potential risk of adverse effects on the availability and accessibility of facilities. As a shareholder in these fund, it is crucial to voice our concerns to ensure that decisions made have the best interests of the community in mind. The ongoing detrimental effects resulting from this decision have the potential to jeopardise the development and well-being of our region.
2. Lack of Consultation: The absence of prior consultation is a matter of significant concern. It is essential to engage in open dialogue and consult all stakeholders who may be affected by the decision. By not seeking input from the community, COGG has missed an opportunity to gather valuable perspectives, alternative solutions, and ensure that the decision-making process is democratic and reflective of the diverse needs and preferences of the region. This lack of consultation undermines the strategic nature that Geelong should adopt in its decision-making processes.

3. Preservation of Community Resources: Libraries play a vital role in our community. They provide access to educational resources, foster a sense of community, and contribute to cultural enrichment. Preserving and prioritising these resources is crucial for the well-being and development of our region. By utilising cash reserves without considering the long-term impact on these community resources, Geelong's decision fails to adopt a strategic approach that safeguards the cultural and educational well-being of the region.

In conclusion, the rationale for raising concerns and submitting a Notice of Motion is driven by the need for inclusive decision-making processes, transparency, and the preservation of community resources. By addressing these concerns, we strive to protect the interests of our region and its residents, ensuring that decisions made align with the collective vision and needs of the community. Geelong should adopt a more strategic approach, considering the potential long-term detrimental effects on the region and prioritise the preservation of valuable community resources like libraries.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE

NAME: CR OWEN SHARKEY




SIGNATURE OF SECONDER

NAME: CR LES ROWE

(This section is to be completed and signed by Chief Executive Officer.)

This notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer at 1:44 pm on 17/5/2023



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