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To: CEO-Office
Subject: City of Melville Meeting

Dear Marten

Can you please pass the following message to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Melville prior to their meeting tonight:

Dear Mayor and Councillors

I understand that tonight, the Council will be further considering the matter of the Melville Bowling Club lease, about which I understand that there has been a considerable amount of community concern and anxiety.

I write to you in light of some of those concerns and to strongly express my expectation and that of the broader community, that the council will make its decisions about the Melville Bowling Club that are reflective of a practice that treats all community, sporting and recreation groups equitably and fairly.

You and your councillors are doubtless aware that you are elected to represent the whole community of the City of Melville and are accountable to the whole community for your actions and decisions.

Given the use of the land associated with the bowling club has been the subject of ongoing contention for many years, it is all the more important that objectivity and integrity in the council's decision making is maintained and be seen to do so.

Any significant variations between the way the bowling club is treated (particularly in regard to future terms of lease), compared with other such community organisations could provide the impression of bias and a lack of impartiality on the part of the council and/or councillors.

You and your fellow councillors were elected by your community to make decisions in the best interests of the community for the present and the future. The community is relying on you to bear in this mind in all the good work that you do for the City and in particular in your consideration of the Melville Bowling Club matter.

The manner in which the council resolves this matter will be of significant interest and closely observed.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts



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