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Dear Clr Byron

I refer to the visit to Balranald Shire Council by senior officers from the Office of Local Government (OLG), Mr Grant Gleeson, Director Legal and Ms Lyn Brown, Manager Investigations, on Wednesday 13 December 2017.

I am advised that all councillors attended the meeting with OLG representatives. I thank councillors for taking the time to meet with OLG staff to discuss Council's implementation of the plan required under the Performance Improvement Order (PIO). I am further advised that councillors engaged positively in this process and took the opportunity to discuss various issues with OLG representatives.

OLG staff have reported to me on the outcome of the meeting and advised that there was an agreement on the following actions:

- Councillors gave a commitment to implement the plan under the PIO.
- There would be a regular report to the Council on progress in implementing the PIO plan.
- Councillors would utilise the skills and experience of the temporary adviser and a process would be established to enable this to occur efficiently and effectively.
- Councillors would work constructively with the General Manager and with each other.
- The report on the SRV process was Council's opportunity to review the consultation work – the SRV application is due to be submitted in mid-February and councillors needed to commit to this.
- There would be work undertaken to improve communication with the community.

I stress the importance of Council progressing the implementation of the PIO plan. OLG will continue to monitor Council's progress. I would ask that this letter is provided to all councillors and tabled at the next available Council meeting.

Yours sincerely

Penny Holloway
Acting Chief Executive
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