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Dear Mr Reyburn

I am writing in reply to your email of 26 January 2010 to the Premier, the Hon Kristina Keneally MP, regarding your request that local government elections for Wollongong City Council be conducted in 2010. The Premier referred your email to the Division of Local Government for response.

I have noted your further comments and suggestions.

As advised in my letter to you of 10 December 2009, on the basis of the ICAC's findings, the Governor declared the civic offices of Wollongong City Council vacant and appointed Administrators to manage and direct the affairs of Council until September 2012.

The period for Council remaining under Administration was determined as necessary to allow time for important cultural and administrative changes to be put in place and to take effect. In addition, the significant cost of holding two ordinary elections within a two year period, in 2010 and again in 2012, is not considered to be in the public interest.

Nor is it legally possible to have in place both Administrators and an elected council, as you suggest.

As previously advised, the Division of Local Government will continue to monitor the progress of Wollongong City Council under the leadership of the Administrators, until elections are held in conjunction with the ordinary council elections cycle in September 2012.

Yours sincerely

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