

Councillor Statement re: Commission of Inquiry

The following statement is from all Councillors of South Gippsland Shire Council.

"Council acknowledges and welcomes the Commission of Inquiry called by Minister for Local Government Adem Somyurek and is pleased that a report is expected by 31 May 2019.

"We are confident that the Commission of Inquiry will ensure proper process and an unbiased approach.

"With the expertise of the Chair and Commissioners selected we have no doubt concerns will be looked into thoroughly.

"Our priority is to get on with business and work with Council staff to deliver community services and advance South Gippsland.

"We have more positive work to do with funds secured for the \$5.4M Leongatha Business Precinct Development (Bair Street) project, a project that has been developed and advocated for many years.

"Further development of the Heavy Vehicle Bypass in Leongatha is underway, the Korumburra Community Hub and Station project will soon be shovel ready and further streetscapes in other towns are upcoming.

"Council has also been fortunate to be one of six rural Councils selected by the Victorian Government to provide funded three year old kindergarten next year, a program which will have a long lasting impact on our future generations.

"In response to community concerns we have allocated additional funds of almost a million dollars in our upcoming budget to upgrade and maintain our gravel road network.

"As a Council there are many future projects we wish to see progress for the betterment of the South Gippsland community."

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