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Local Government Act 1993

Order pursuant to section 438U, 438W and 438Y

I, Shelley Hancock, Minister for Local Government, pursuant to section 438U of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), appoint Mr Ross Glover to hold a Public Inquiry into Wingecarribee Shire Council (Council) with the following terms of reference:

To inquire into, and report upon, the following matters:

- 1. Whether members of Council's governing body fully understand their roles and responsibilities and have adequately, reasonably and appropriately carried out their roles and responsibilities during the current term of Council.*
- 2. Whether, during the current term of Council, there has been improper interference by the elected body of Council, or by individual councillors, in operational matters, with particular reference to staffing and planning functions.*
- 3. Whether members of Council's governing body have been and will continue to be in a position to direct and control the affairs of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and to otherwise fulfil its statutory obligations.*
- 4. Any other matter that warrants inquiry, particularly those that may impact on the effective administration of Council's functions and responsibilities or the community's confidence in the Council being able to do so.*

I also consider that it is, on balance, in the public interest to suspend the Council and make this order pursuant to section 438W to suspend the Council.

Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Act, the suspension will terminate no later than 30 days after the date the report of the Public Inquiry is provided to me.

Mr Viv May PSM is appointed as Interim Administrator of Wingecarribee Shire Council commencing on the date this order is gazetted for the remaining period during which the Council is suspended under section 438W.

Mr May shall have the following functions:

- To perform the role and function of the governing body of the Council under the Local Government Act and any other Act.
- To exercise the role of the governing body and councillors identified in sections 223, 232 and 226 of the Local Government Act.

This Order takes effect upon publication in the *New South Wales Government Gazette*.

Dated: 31 August 2021

The Hon. Shelley Hancock, MP
Minister for Local Government