



BRRAG

Belmont Resident and Ratepayer Action Group Inc.

“To provide an effective voice for the people of Belmont”

9 July 2019

CEO
City of Belmont
Belmont WA 6104

Dear Mr Christie

On 30th April we wrote to the City of Belmont requesting a copy of the CEO and Director of Statutory and Community Services employment contracts.

On the 21 May we received a letter from the City advising we could not have these contracts. With respect to the contract of the Director of Statutory and Community Services, the advice was she was not a designated senior employee. We subsequently wrote to you requesting this contract on 22 May. No written response was given however it was asked in Public Question Time what was happening with the contract and your response was, “you have your answer” referencing the previous response from COB on 21 May.

We have subsequently followed this up with the Director of Local Government with a cc to the Minister, Mr Templeman. Please see attached response from Mr Duncan Ord OAM.

Please provide a copy of the contract immediately in compliance with the advice of the Director of Local Government. It was been over two months since we first requested this document and the City of Belmont is not complying with legislation.

Please also provide:

1. The list of designated senior employees
2. A response as to who appoints the Acting CEO in your absence
3. Why Ms Hammah is allowed to act as CEO in your absence if she is not designated senior staff.

It would seem that the staff at the City of Belmont do not understand the legislation they are suppose to work within. This is becoming very concerning. I have personally contacted both you and the Mayor with respect to the conduct of some staff and councillors which was ignored, staff who have made it known they will ignore planning legislation and as recently as a couple of weeks ago it was brought to the attention of councillors about the sub standard reports citing omissions and inaccuracies they are receiving.

As you are employed to manage staff, I will be sending a copy of this correspondence to all councillors. If they are to assess your performance they have to be aware of issues that may need to be taken into consideration. Given that the ratepayers pay in excess of \$50 000 a year for the services of WALGA, it may be worth checking to see if there is any further education on the

legislation that they may provide.

Non compliance with this request will result in us taking the matter further.

Please be advised this letter and any response will be made available to the Residents of Belmont on the BRRAG website for transparency.

Kindest regards

Lisa Hollands
Chairperson BRRAG

cc Duncan Ord
cc Minister Templeman