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Belmont Resident and Ratepayer Action Group Inc.

"To provide an effective voice for the people of Belmont"

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Duncan Ord
Director General of Dept of Local Govt & Communities
140 William Street
Perth WA 6000

Mr Ord

I received your previous correspondence dated 28 June 2019, with respect to our request to obtain a copy of the contract of the Belmont CEO, Mr John Christie. Please see subsequent follow up letter which included a copy of your letter to us.

As this has now been dragging on for well over two months, we are seeking your intervention to arrange for the contract to be available to us on Friday the 12 July. Given the length of time this simple request has taken, in addition to what appears to be the City of Belmont flaunting legislation again, I do not think the time frame is unreasonable.

Mr Christie has replied to the attached letter in due course. This is simply not a satisfactory response. We have previously provided you a copy of the correspondence and our previous attempts to get this information. You are now aware the City of Belmont is not complying with legislation and therefore you should be able to act accordingly. There should be penalties that you can enforce if this breach is allowed to continue. If this is not possible, why do we have a Department of Local Government & Communities if they are ineffective and are unable to act when legislation is being flaunted? Furthermore why have penalties if there is nothing that can be done?

As you will note in our letter to Mr Christie, I have also asked for a response to three additional questions. I would ask you follow this up as well with Mr Christie.

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.

Please advise what your department intends to do about having an Acting CEO who is not a senior employee. Clearly this is not satisfactory is it?

I look forward to you arranging the contract for us on Friday.

Please be advised this letter and your response will go on the BRRAG website for the purpose of transparency for the residents of Belmont. There is now quite a paper trail in our endeavours to obtain what is the right of the residents.

Kindest regards

Lisa Hollands
Chairperson BRRAG

cc Minister Templeman