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**Belmont Resident and Ratepayer Action Group Inc.**

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

9 March 2019

The Mayor and Councillors  
City of Belmont  
Belmont WA 6104

Dear Mayor Marks and Councillors

Late last week, I forwarded you an email regarding the possible savings the City of Belmont might be able to make on their insurances, particularly worker's compensation. Mayor Keri Shannon from the Town of Cambridge has not only achieved this for the residents of her locality, but has advised she contacted the Mayors and CEO's of the Councils in WA to consider doing the same. More savings may have been possible if everyone she contacted got on board with her proposal.

I previously forwarded this link to you from her blog post to give you some background. <https://tocambridge.wordpress.com/2018/04/22/competitive-insurance-quotes-the-local-government-exception/>. I would like to thank Councillors Cayoun and Davis for acknowledging my email.

Please see attached email from Mayor Shannon to myself. She has given her permission for me to forward to you all. Also attached is the Victorian Auditor General's Office report, on local government insurance risks. Mayor Shannon has also advised that she would be more than happy to talk to any councillor to provide more information.

As you all now have some background on the potential savings which could be around \$100 000, we ask that two of our councillors put forward the following motion for the next council meeting.

***That the City of Belmont has a complete insurance review and that they go to tender for all insurances***

You would need to act with some urgency if this is to be considered as the tender process ends at the end of March. At the very least the CEO should be obtaining quotes for these insurances if there are large savings to be made as outlined by Mayor Shannon.

At the last council meeting it was stated that the Administration was happy with the current arrangement. According to Section 5.3 (4) of the Standing Orders, the CEO may exclude motions from the agenda under certain circumstances. Section 5.3 (7) states as follows:

Where a notice of motion is excluded from the agenda paper as provided in subsection (4), (a), (i), (iii), or (iv) a Member with the approval of the Presiding Member may move and the Council may resolve to have the excluded notice of motion included in the agenda paper at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

If similar savings can be made by the City of Belmont, as has been under the leadership of Keri Shannon at the Town of Cambridge, we ask that our Mayor lead the way in the same manner. Any savings that are made, could be better utilised to benefit our residents

Please be advised this letter will be made available to the residents on the BRRAG website.

Kindest regards  
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