



**BRRAG**

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

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

22 May 2019

The Mayor  
City of Belmont  
Belmont WA 6104

Dear Mayor Marks

RE: Your response to our letter dated 4 May 2019

On receipt of your response to our letter dated 22 May, it would seem some clarification is needed. With respect to the recording of the minutes of the March meeting, we are fully aware that they have already been passed. We have not asked for them to be overturned in our request. However, we are seeking independent advice with respect to the recording in question and what was transcribed in the minutes.

Our request to record was for the future so that we did not need to keep obtaining them under FOI if for some reason we wanted to hear the recording. We do not have a distrust of the process but we have queried on this instance the accuracy of the transcription of the minutes and believe our request could be of use in the future. We made it very clear it was not going to go on our website and that we were happy to be supervised with it.

You have stated "I do not believe that this request, which is fundamentally based on a distrust of the City's processes, satisfies the requirement to establish an (extraordinary need).

The Standing Order reads

"Recording of proceedings (1) A person must not use any electronic, visual or audio recording device or instrument to record the proceedings of the Council without the permission of the Presiding Member or by a decision of the Council." There is no mention of the requirement of an extraordinary need.

Please be advised this response will be made available to the Residents of Belmont on the BRRAG website, in the interests of transparency.

Kindest regards

Lisa Hollands  
Chairperson BRRAG