

Councillor Cabada - MoN - Unauthorised Disclosure of Confidential Report

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

Contact Officer:
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Officer

MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Alfredo Cabada will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

1. Notes with serious concern the InDaily article of 20 July 2026 titled "Councillor quits Friday, now leaked report reveals shock findings", which published the contents of a confidential report that had not been publicly released.
2. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer investigate the unauthorised disclosure and report the outcome to Council, subject to any legal and confidentiality constraints.
3. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer review Council's arrangements for handling confidential information and report back to Council with any recommended improvements.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The report referred to in the proposed Motion is not a Council document. Responsibility for administering and enforcing any confidentiality requirements associated with the report rests with the Behavioural Standards Panel, as the owner and distributor of the document.
2. It is understood the draft report was distributed by the Behavioural Standards Panel to several recipients, not all of whom are members of Council.
3. Council has not received any request from the Behavioural Standards Panel to investigate the circumstances surrounding the alleged disclosure of the report.
4. Should Council resolve that the Chief Executive Officer undertake an investigation, the scope, methodology and any reporting would need to consider Council's jurisdiction, available evidence, privacy obligations and any legal constraints.
5. Administration periodically reviews confidentiality, governance and information management practices. Should Council resolve to undertake a further review, Administration will report back to Council on any findings and recommended improvements.

Should the proposed motion be supported by Council, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not Applicable
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Council would seek legal advice regarding Council's jurisdiction, available evidence, privacy obligations and any legal constraints.
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	Not Applicable
Capital investment	Not Applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	It is estimated approximately 15 hours of staff time is required to undertake the investigation. It is estimated approximately 38 hours of staff time would be required to undertake the review.
Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

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