

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
to
REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
Allegations of impropriety against agents of the Hills Shire Council and property developers in the region

Recommendation 8 - That the Minister for Local Government undertake an investigation into The Hills Shire Council and consider what steps should be taken, including whether the Council should be put into administration.

This matter has been referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and that agency has launched an investigation into alleged impropriety within the Hills Shire Council.

It is appropriate for the Minister to await the finalisation of ICAC's recommendations prior to determining whether to request the Office of Local Government to conduct an investigation into Council's activities under section 430 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.