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## **Alexandrina Council Assessment Panel Submission – Accredited Professionals Discussion Paper**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Accredited Professionals Discussion Paper. The Alexandrina Council Assessment Panel (CAP) has considered the Discussion Paper and offers the following comments based on the proposed Level 2 accreditation for CAP members.

- The requirement for Level 2 accredited professionals to obtain and maintain accreditation is overly bureaucratic and onerous, which will discourage qualified and experienced professionals from taking up roles.
- The requirement to reapply annually and the associated costs are unreasonable, given that most Panels are appointed for more than one (1) year and receive minimal payment for their time.
- The need for Level 2 accredited professionals to undertake 10 professional development units per year, with a minimum of one unit for each of the four (4) specified areas, and the associated cost of the training, is unreasonable given the minimal Panel sitting allowances.
- The clarification that Council Assessment Panel members will be covered by Council's Mutual Liability Scheme is welcomed. It should not be the responsibility of individual Panel members to maintain Professional Indemnity Insurance.

The Alexandrina Council Assessment Panel members recognise the importance for CAP members to have appropriate knowledge and experience. However, Councils already employ robust criteria for the selection of Panel members, which continue to work well, such that the proposed Level 2 accreditation is not considered necessary.

If you have any queries in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Atkinson'.

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