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Mike

Happy to respond if you want me to.

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Best

Let it cook?

Happy to have thoughts.

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Thanks Mike

Which was it? Did councillors request a peer review (as stated in the report) or did we decide to leave it to the AFRC to decide what level of any additional assurance it might want (as you've stated above)? Or did we decide to leave it to the AFRC to decide whether an independent investigation was needed (my recollection)?

This matters. The community has been calling for independent eyes on this, some of us around the table have clearly asked for that and yet you've stated in a report (on the record) that elected members asked for a peer review.

I'll go back to the meeting and listen to what was discussed. I have zero recollection of us ever considering a peer review but perhaps I need to start taking Gingko ;)

If anyone can recall asking for a peer review or suggesting that the AFRC consider a peer review please let me know.

Cheers

Niki

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Hi niki

The council at its meeting on the ZQN-7 matter agreed that the committee should be invited to consider undertaking a peer review of the report completed by staff. there is no formal resolution to this effect. We have made it clear in the report in para 13 that this is an invitation to the committee, and Mr McLauchlan confirmed that i had also verbally conveyed that invitation to him.

It was left by council for the committee to decide what level of any additional assurance it would want, and how it may choose to go about that

By putting it up as a recommendation the staff were endeavouring to be transparent to the committee, and that council wanted the committee to consider this

I don't see any "blatant misrepresentation" in what the report or resolution said

Regards

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Hi Mike

Just following up on today's AFRC meeting.

Item 7 recommended this:

2. *As requested by Council, confirm that an external peer review of the attached reports be conducted.*

(My emphasis)

I haven't gone back to the video (yet) but I gotta tell ya I'm scratching my head trying to remember when we (full council) asked for a peer review of that report.

If we did, please point out when; if not, that report to the AFRC blatantly misrepresents the Council's position.

As I recall it we decided to leave it to the AFRC to consider whether an independent investigation was warranted. I can't remember full council ever turning its mind to a peer review.

Can you please get back to me on this one?

Cheers

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