



## Statement from the Circular Head Council regarding misleading information in *The Advocate*

**Friday 17 July 2020**

Council is disappointed with the article in today's *The Advocate* which incorrectly states that Mayor of Circular Head, Daryl Quilliam had made planning decisions about Duck River Meadows project as Council.

Council would like to correct some misleading information in the article.

Mayor of Circular Head Daryl Quilliam declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting while this was discussed at the Ordinary Council Meeting 23 April 2020.

Deputy Mayor Norman Berechree chaired the Planning Authority part of the Council meeting, as Mayor Quilliam had declared an interested the planning item. Under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* Council considered a permit application from Agritas Inc. for the establishment of a Robotic Dairy and Cheese Production Facility in Smithton.

Council released a Media Release dated Friday 17 April 2020 and have streamed this meeting due to COVID-19 and it is still available to view on the Circular Head Council [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a5\\_LIVBYs0&t=3956s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a5_LIVBYs0&t=3956s) (time code 1:04:50)

The Circular Head council has not paid any membership to Agritas on behalf of the Mayor.

***Further media enquiries may be directed to Communications Officer Jo Dilorenzo on 6452 4826***