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Code of Conduct Tabled

Glenorchy City Council has formally noted a code of conduct determination made against Ald. Peter Ridler.

Glenorchy Council chief executive officer Emilio Reale said the determination followed a number of complaints lodged against Ald. Ridler by a number of female council staff members.

He said an independent investigation had upheld parts of the complaint and handed down a one-month suspension as well as a requirement for Ald. Ridler to attend training.

“These sanctions will only take effect if Ald. Ridler is re-elected to council. Should he not be re-elected, the sanctions will have no practical application as his term will have expired.”

Mr Reale said the determination was subject to a review application lodged by Ald. Ridler to the Tasmanian Civil Administration Tribunal.

“Notwithstanding the fact this matter is subject to a review, it is extremely regrettable that an individual’s behaviour toward staff has resulted in a code of conduct determination. It is up to elected members, as representatives of our community, to ensure they conduct themselves to the highest standards. Unfortunately, on the basis of this determination, that has not occurred in these matters.

“I commend the staff members for their courage in raising their concerns which led to an investigation. No-one should be subjected to anything other than respectful behavior while at work, and it saddens me that this did not happen.

“The finding in this matter has now been formally noted by Council as per its legal obligation.”

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