

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for supplying the following information for our consideration

- 1 – Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce correspondence dated 6 June
- 2 – SVC correspondence dated 28 June 2019 subject – Mead Perry Forensic Review
- 3 – SVC email correspondence and reports prepared by Council officer [REDACTED] dated 26 June 2019
- 4 - media article – no answer yet on where missing millions went

For clarity as external auditor agent to NSWAO, we reported on the annual financial reporting balances of Tumbarumba Shire Council and Tumut Shire Council as standalone Councils as at 12 May 2016. This annual financial reporting was inclusive of cash balances and associated reserves as carried by Councils both as external and internally restricted as at 12 May 2016.

From 12 May 2016 onwards, the new reporting entity Snowy Valley Council had commenced and whilst two independent accounting systems may have been utilised for an ongoing period of time, our responsibilities from an external auditor viewpoint pertained to:

- aggregated balances of Snowy Valley Council reported at respective balance dates; and
- compliance of the Local Government Act which inter alia includes that Snowy Valleys Council does not have negative unrestricted cash.

As external auditor, from our work performed, we are not aware of any 'missing millions'.

From our testing performed which is at the Snowy Valleys Council reporting level, Council maintained surplus unrestricted cash. A surplus unrestricted position was specifically reported in the annual financial statements of Snowy Valleys Council for the periods ended 30 June 2017 and 2018.

Since the date that Snowy Valleys Council commenced, we have been advocating for a harmonisation of accounting treatments and policies as applied to like items within Snowy Valleys Council. The harmonization has been an evolving process over time and continual progress towards the end state is being made.

This evolution is demonstrated by way of the reporting extension that was required pertaining to the 30 June 2018 annual financial statements. We do note that an unqualified audit report on the 2018 annual financial report was issued on 30 November 2018 and an unqualified audit report was also issued on the 30 June 2017 annual financial report on 27 October 2017.

Should you have any further queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Kind regards,

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