

# Media Release

**The Hon Melissa Horne MP**

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation

Minister for Ports and Freight

Minister for Local Government

Minister for Suburban Development



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## HORSHAM RURAL CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL MONITOR

A municipal monitor will be appointed to the Horsham Rural City Council to help guide good governance and help forge its strong future.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne today announced a monitor will be appointed at Horsham Rural City Council. The monitor, their terms and other details will be named at a later date.

The decision has been made at the request of the Council's Mayor and CEO who sought to ensure that the Council has the guidance it needs to perform its role successfully and serve the local community effectively.

During their term, the municipal monitor will work closely with Horsham Rural City Council to improve governance practices and help councillors ensure they are performing their roles in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting and improving council culture throughout the state through initiatives such as the *Local Government Culture Project* and the *Women Leading Locally* program.

For more information visit: [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/local-government-culture-project](https://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/local-government-culture-project)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne

*"We expect Councils to maintain a standard of good governance that the community rightfully expects."*

*"The municipal monitor will help ensure Horsham Rural City Council properly serves the ratepayers it represents."*