

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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MUNICIPAL MONITOR FOR HORSHAM RURAL CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED

Jude Holt has been appointed as the municipal monitor to help guide good governance at Horsham Rural City Council.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne today announced the appointment of Ms Holt, who will support the council for a six months up until 31 January 2023.

Ms Holt is a finance and governance professional with 30 years of experience, holding senior management and executive positions for 20 years at the Loddon Shire Council, three years at Mount Alexander Shire Council, and two years at Coliban Water.

The appointment has been made at the request of the Council's Mayor and CEO following concerns about the Council's ability to serve the local community effectively.

Ms Holt will support the Council to improve governance practices and ensure councillors perform 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.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne

"Municipal monitors have a track record of proven success in assisting councils and we look forward to seeing Horsham Rural City Council shift its focus to the priorities and challenges facing the local community."

"Jude Holt brings experience, skills and knowledge that will be valuable in supporting good governance, enabling the Council to effectively serve the community it represents."