

Statement

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STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER

The Victorian Government acknowledges the Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission's (IBAC) Operation Sandon report tabled today.

What went on at the City of Casey was completely unacceptable and the Government sacked the Council in 2020. However, it is clear from the report that more work must be done.

The Government will consider each of the report's 34 recommendations and respond in due course.

The Government has already implemented the toughest political donation laws in Australia – our reforms have drastically reduced the size of donations, and make sure Victorians know who makes and receives them in real time. These reforms are currently the subject of a legislated periodic review and the Government looks forward to receiving that report.

The IBAC report's 34 recommendations will be given appropriate consideration, but it is the clear position of the Government that the role of local councils in significant planning decisions should be reduced and we will have more to say on this matter.