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**From:** David Reynolds

**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 February 2023 4:43 PM

**To:** Portfolio Committee 7 <PortfolioCommittee7@parliament.nsw.gov.au>

**Cc:** Michael Edgar

**Subject:** RE: inquiry into the hills shire council - Invitation to appear tomorrow 23 February at 11am - for urgent response

Good afternoon Peta,

Thank you for your email below. As you note in your email, Michael Edgar is currently interstate on pre-arranged leave and is unable to attend a second hearing tomorrow. On that basis Council will not be attending tomorrow however, does seek to further assist the Committee by providing the information below.

With respect to the matters raised in your email, I can confirm that Council has had no further contact with Councillor Ellis. Councillor Ellis did not attend the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 February 2023 and that no apology was received or leave of absence granted.

I am not aware of any other communication received by Council from Councillor Ellis since the General Manager appeared at the first hearing last week. The only communication sent to Councillor Ellis by Council was the distribution of the Council meeting business paper which occurs by emailing a link to the Councillor's email address, which I understand has been provided to you already, and by delivering a printed copy to the Councillor's residence. I understand that this hard copy is put into a sealed plastic delivery bag and is placed over a gate and not delivered to the front door.

I trust the above assists with your enquiries.

Regards,



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