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**Sent:** Monday, 17 July 2023 2:52 PM  
**To:** Mark Nielsen  
**Subject:** Deputation request  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Nielsen

We acknowledge receipt of your request for a deputation at the Council meeting of 18 July 2023 with regards to Council election procedures and public access to council meetings.

I advise that in accordance with the *Local Government Meeting Regulation 11(3)* Mayor Were has refused your request for the following reasons:

- Within your Request for Deputation you provide that your previous deputation was denied in part, *"because I was in the process of taking the Council to Court in relation to the 2022 Onkaparinga Council Elections but this is no longer valid since my case was rejected by the Court of Disputed Returns on 14/7/2023"*. However since the summary dismissal of your petition on Friday 14 July 2023, you have published commentary on social media that you intend to undertake further legal proceedings against the Council. You also continue to make unfounded allegations against Council of wrongdoing, specifically that of criminal defamation.
- Further, it was noted that during your previous deputation to Council regarding the declaration of a climate emergency, you made reference to your then impending legal proceedings with the Electoral Commission and Council. These comments were not related to the declaration of a climate emergency and were an assertion of incorrect statements of legal responsibility.

Therefore due to past and any unknown further potential unsubstantiated allegations or the initiation of further legal proceedings by yourself, it is not appropriate for you to address the Council.

Finally, for your information, business adjourned from a previous meeting must be dealt with before any new business at a subsequent meeting. Therefore the adjourned item will be heard prior to any deputations.

The refusal of your request will be reported to Council at the meeting. Note that as per the Regulations the Council may resolve to allow your deputation.

Regards

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