

Attachment Under Separate Cover

Council Ordinary Meeting of 21 July 2026

Agenda Item 7.1.8 Conciliation Conference – South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal – Cr Preece Matter

Orders from the Tribunal

Matter number **2026/SA001141**

Applicant

The Barossa Council

Respondent

Bruce Preece

Regarding

Complaint (Local Government Act)

Conciliation conference held on: 10 July 2026

Before Tribunal Member: Ms S Pinyon

In attendance:
Mr Martin McCarthy, CEO of the applicant
Ms Tracy Riddle, solicitor for the applicant
Mr Bruce Preece, respondent
Mr Michael Saies, counsel for the respondent
Mr David Starke, solicitor for the respondent

Adjournment for further directions

Made under the *South Australian Civil & Administrative Tribunal Act 2013* section 43(2)

Findings of the Tribunal

1. This is an application made by the Barossa Council pursuant to section 264 of the *Local Government Act* 1999.
2. Subject to a resolution of the Barossa Council at the next council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 July 2026 the parties have agreed to the following joint submission on the appropriate sanctions in this matter subject to consideration and findings of the Tribunal at the hearing:
 - 2.1 The respondent is to make the apologies as required by the Barossa Council and the Behaviour Standards Panel (wording of apologies to be drafted and agreed by the parties).
 - 2.2 The respondent is to pay the Barossa Council the sum of \$810.
 - 2.3 The respondent is to be suspended from office for 2 months from the time of the final order made by the Tribunal in this matter.
3. The matter is adjourned to a telephone directions hearing.

Orders of the Tribunal

1. Starke Lawyers are to provide the draft apologies to Kelledy Jones Lawyers within 14 days of this order.

2. Kelledy Jones Lawyers to provide a response to the draft apologies within 7 days of receipt from Starke Lawyers.
3. The parties to provide any further submissions on the appropriate sanctions in writing to the Tribunal by 4 August 2026.
4. The Tribunal adjourns this matter for a further telephone directions hearing on a date to be determined but not before 7 August 2026.



S Pinyon
Tribunal Member

10 July 2026

