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Dear Messrs Trigt, Marston and McMahon

Thank you for your letter dated 2 October 2020 to me and the Minister for Local Government, concerning an investigation of a current Bass Coast Shire Councillor in advance of the upcoming local council elections in Victoria.

In your correspondence, you raise concerns regarding the implication of the investigation not being concluded before the council elections. The Minister for Local Government will respond separately in response to your concerns about the timing of the Bass Coast Shire local council elections.

I am responding as the Minister responsible for Victoria's integrity system. Victoria has an independent and robust integrity system, with the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) and Local Government Inspectorate (LGI) both authorised to investigate the actions of individual councillors.

As both IBAC and the LGI conduct their investigations independently of the Government, it would not be appropriate for me as Attorney-General to comment on or intervene in individual cases or the handling of investigations.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above, you may contact Ms Allison Will, Director, Justice Assurance and Review Office at the Department of Justice and Community Safety on (03) 8684 6004 or at [allison.will@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:allison.will@justice.vic.gov.au).

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Government about these matters.

Yours sincerely

  
Hon Jill Hennessy MP  
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