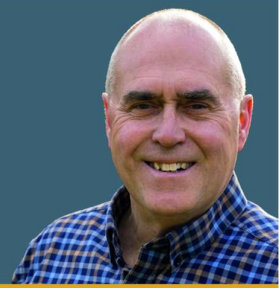


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Decisions, not headlines: Lennon to lead governance reset for Hobart City Council

Hobart mayoral candidate Harvey Lennon will lead a governance reset for Hobart City Council to rebuild trust, improve transparency and support better decision-making.

Mr Lennon said he would seek Council support for a *Mayor's Conduct and Civility Charter*, including published voting records, fewer matters being considered behind closed doors and standing public question time.

"Ratepayers expect councillors to debate issues firmly and respectfully, make decisions and explain those decisions clearly," Mr Lennon said.

"The Mayor must set the standard. Personal politics, conflict and repeated negative headlines damage public confidence and distract Council from the work residents expect it to do."

Mr Lennon said legitimate confidential matters, including legal, commercial and personnel issues, would continue to be protected. However, he said confidentiality should not become the default when public business can properly be conducted in public.

"Published detailed voting records will make it easier for residents to see where Councillors stand. Standing public question time will give the community a regular and reliable opportunity to raise concerns," he said.

"Hobart needs a Council that listens, decides and gets on with the job. This governance reset would be an immediate step towards a more constructive and accountable Council," Mr Lennon said.

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