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Dear LRRRA

I am writing to let you know that after some internal lobbying and suggestion Launceston City Council will hold a question and answer information session on the 08-09 Budget on July 15th at 6 pm.

The idea of an information session to allow public scrutiny of the Budget came after I put the suggestion to the Council and GM at a Strategic Planning and Policy meeting.

Although I was absent last LCC meeting I asked Alderman Ian Norton to ask a question on my behalf clarifying that Council was still committed to the public budget information session.

I am pleased to say that in an email to me this week, General Manager Frank Dixon has confirmed the time and date.

No doubt there will be a public announcement and publicity of the meeting closer to the time which will give full details of the venue and format of the session, however I wanted to let the LRRRA know that my words on the campaign trail about working for a more open and accountable LCC were being matched by action.

This will be the third initiative I have undertaken since being elected to Council to open up LCC decision making processes to the public; the other two being my push to have Council meetings broadcast live (audio only) over the Internet which I hope to see come to pass early next year and my successful motion to have Council delegations of Aldermen and key directors meet outside the City in regional areas of the municipality three times a year to hear first hand the issues and concerns of rural residents and ratepayers.

I was also successful in extending the consultation period for the Planning Scheme Review, the Draft Gorge Conservation Management Plan and moving for a public information session on the Gorge Management Plan which was held at Council.

Apologies for not attending a meeting in person to pass on this information but two jobs and a five month old baby have me fairly flat out.

Regards to all

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"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

Buckminster Fuller.

