

COUNCILLOR CONDUCT PANEL (CCP)

**HEARING PURUANT TO DIVISION 1B OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT*
(1989) (AS AMENDED)**

Applicant: Cr Gaetano Greco
Respondent: Cr Steven Tsitas
Council: City of Darebin
Hearing location: City of Darebin Council Chambers – 274 Gower Street
Preston
Date of Application: 8 April 2015 (revised on 24 April 2015)
Date of Hearing: 3 June 2015
Panel Members: Ms Jo-Anne Mazzeo (Chair), Ms Judith Voce
CCP Registrar: Ms Lauren Close, City of Darebin

The Decision

The Panel has determined that the actions of Councillor Steven Tsitas constitute misconduct within the meaning of section 81A of the *Local Government Act* 1989, and makes a finding of such pursuant to section 81(J)(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act* 1989- in that he failed to comply with the requirements of Clause 12 of the City of Darebin Councillor Code of Conduct.

The Panel therefore reprimands Cr Tsitas pursuant to section 81J(2)(a) of the Act, and pursuant to s81J(2)(b) directs him to provide Cr Greco with a written apology acknowledging that he failed to follow the dispute resolution procedures as required under Clause 12 of the City of Darebin Code of Conduct.



Judith Voce

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Jo-Anne Mazzeo
Legal Member

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Judith Voce
Municipal Governance Member

Date: 24 June 2015