

Hi Paul,

I would like to bring to your attention that Gold Coast City Council have formed a 'new group' titled The Lake Hugh Muntz Stakeholder Group to represent Lake Hugh Muntz. The New Group is controlled by Gold Coast City Council and operates under a 'Terms of Reference' which censors the information communicated to the residents and user groups of Lake Hugh Muntz.

The Lake Hugh Muntz Care Group has asked Council to remove the restrictive terms and conditions and Council have refused.

Accordingly, the representatives of the Lake Hugh Muntz Care Group have been left with no choice but to decline the invitation to attend the first meeting of the 'new group' which was scheduled for **Monday, 25 March 2019**.

What does this mean for residents and users of Lake Hugh Muntz? All information published about the lake will be highly censored. We are very concerned that Gold Coast Council is attempting to hide information from the community.

### **The Lake Hugh Muntz Care Group**

As you are aware the Lake Hugh Muntz Care Group is the Community Group, originally setup by the Gold Coast Council for the community and attended by residents and key user groups. We have been facilitating the exchange of information between Council, residents and key groups for more than seven (7) years. We are transparent, we do not censor the information we received. The Community has a right to know what's going on with Lake Hugh Muntz, good and BAD!

LHM Care Group have attended many meetings with Council in the past without restrictions. Now, however, Gold Coast Council have set up this new group with highly restrictive terms regarding the information that is able to be distributed to residents and users of Lake Hugh Muntz.

Regular meetings are seen by the Care Group as a positive step in enabling constructive communication on lake issues BUT Council have now applied restrictive terms and conditions.

The residents and users in your electorate need to have the confidence that Council are actively seeking a resolution to the water quality issues in Lake Hugh Muntz. By establishing a new group, which censors information about Lake Hugh Muntz this will not occur. It will quickly lead to aggravation, outrage and action in your electorate.

I would appreciate your urgent review of this 'New Group' and the 'Terms of Reference' which censor information about Lake Hugh Muntz so we can again have open and constructive dialogue.