 <p>City of Mount Gambier</p>	<p><b>M130 MEDIA - STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL</b></p>	<p><b>Version No:</b></p>	3.0
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the policy of the City of Mount Gambier (“Council”) for media statements on behalf of Council.

## 2. POLICY

Statements to the media for and on behalf of Council, are only to be made by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer, or another Member or employee authorised by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer to make any statement.

The Mayor or Chief Executive Officer are empowered to respond publicly from time to time to any letters to the editor, editorial statements and/or any articles in the media generally, which are inaccurate or unbalanced and which warrant a correction, further explanation or the provision of other relevant details.

The response shall be for the express purpose of providing to the public an accurate statement regarding the correct position of Council.


This Policy does not prevent individual Council Members expressing their own personal point of view on any particular Council issue provided their comments are prefaced as being personal views and not necessarily the views of Council.

## 3. REVIEW & EVALUATION

This Policy is scheduled for review by Council in March 2028, however, will be reviewed as required by any legislative changes which may occur.

## 4. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council’s principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Council’s website [www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au). Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council’s Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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