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**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Dr. David Solomon  
Integrity Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner

#### **APPLICATION OF INTEGRITY ACT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Firstly, on behalf of Council I thank you for the presentation you gave to Councillors and senior staff concerning the Integrity Act and in particular the provisions relating to lobbyists.

During our discussions, the issue of whether the Act should apply to local government was raised. As a consequence, on behalf of Council I wish to formally raise this issue as a matter for review.

Although Council fully appreciates the intent of the Act is to improve accountability, it also considers that in relation local government there are already adequate accountability mechanisms in place without the need impose additional administrative burdens associated with this Act.

Council therefore submits that as part of any review of the Integrity Act, serious consideration should be give to excluding local government from its application.

Yours sincerely

**GRAEME KANOFSKI**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**