

Annexure A - Apology

The City of Greater Geraldton (the City) and its Mayor Shane Van Styn published various statements about Ms Rebecca Davidson of Progress Economics and her work concerning a report on the City of Greater Geraldton's extended trading hours trial:

- (a) during an ABC Radio Midwest interview on 23 November 2018; and
- (b) on the ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt Facebook page on or around 23 November 2018.

Some of those statements were republished in an article published by the West Australian / Geraldton Guardian newspaper on 23 November 2018.

The City also published a Briefing Note on the City's website on or around 26 November 2018 containing similar statements about Ms Davidson of Progress Economics and her work on a report on the City of Greater Geraldton's extended trading hours trial.

The City and Mayor Van Styn retract those damaging statements, and to the extent that those statements were incorrect, regret publishing them and apologise to Ms Davidson and Progress Economics for them.

The City and Mayor Van Styn undertake not to repeat any such statements regarding Ms Davidson and/or Progress Economics in the future.