

MEDIA RELEASE

COUNCIL SEEK TO TAKE OVER THE PORT LINCOLN LEISURE CENTRE PROJECT

At the Council Meeting on 15 April 2019, the City of Port Lincoln considered the implications on the Council and its community as a result of the liquidation of Unique Urban Built Pty Ltd (UUB), the Council's contractor for the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre Stadium Expansion Project.

The Council considers that the best outcome for the community in order to complete the project is most likely to be achieved by the Council taking over the project from UUB and therefore resolved that it would seek to negotiate a termination of the contract with UUB's liquidator and the transfer of the subcontractors required for the completion of the Project to the Council.

In managing the project to its completion, Council encourages the ongoing involvement of existing local subcontractors with the added surety that all subcontractors required to complete the Project will be directly engaged by Council.

The Council aims to reopen the project site as soon as possible under the supervision of an appointed Project Manager, having regard to the various negotiations which need to be undertaken to enable that to occur.

Mayor Brad Flaherty said, "The Council believes that the best course of action it can take at this point is to seek to take over the project. After much discussion, we took a view that in managing the project ourselves we would be best placed to maximise benefit to the community and the subcontractors".

The Council will be contacting the subcontractors on the project in coming days, and reinforces that the subcontractors engaged by UUB prior to liquidation to contact the liquidator PKF directly to lodge their claims for work done on the project to date.

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