



**SPENCER STEER**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**SCOPE**

We have audited the **general purpose financial report** of Warrumbungle Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2007, comprising the Statement by Councillors and Management, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements. The financial statements include the consolidated accounts of the economic entity comprising the Council and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the year. The Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Council. In respect of the original budget figures disclosed in the Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement and Note 2(a), we have not examined the underlying basis of their preparation. Similarly, we have not examined the variations from the adopted budget disclosed in Note 16 and therefore express no opinion on them.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements under the Local Government Act 1993 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's and the economic entity's financial position, the result of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion,

- (a) the accounting records of the Council have been kept in accordance with the requirements of Division 2 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, 1993;
- (b) the general purpose financial report
  - (i) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 2 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act, 1993;
  - (ii) is consistent with the Council's accounting records; and
  - (iii) presents fairly the Council's financial position and the results of its operations
- (c) we have been able to obtain all the information relevant to the conduct of our audit; and
- (d) there were no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial reports.



**ADDITIONAL STATUTORY DISCLOSURES**

Council had not complied with the provisions of Section 416 of the Local Government Act, 1993 in that it failed to comply with the provisions of,

- (a) Section 416(1) requires the ***general purpose financial report*** be prepared and audited within 4 months after the end of the year, and
- (b) Section 416(2) whereby extensions were granted to 30 November 2007.

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**N. MAH CHUT**  
**Partner**

Dated at Sydney this 14th day of January 2008