

OFFICERS REPORT

THE MONASH LEADER

Submitting Councillor: Cr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the recent decision by News Corp to close over 100 print papers in suburban and regional Australia;*
- 2. Notes that the Monash Leader will no longer be printed;*
- 3. Writes to Leader Newspapers to express disappointment at its decision, highlighting concerns about a lack of coverage of local issues and the disproportionate impact this decision will have on vulnerable people including older residents.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

None.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

There is no relevance to the Council Plan and any Council policies.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

None.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Whilst the writing of a letter to Leader Newspapers is unlikely to result in any change to the company's decision, this is a seismic shift in the landscape of local news reporting and officers would support a letter, expressing Council's disappointment, being sent.