

6.1 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 this 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.*

BACKGROUND

News Corp will no longer produce print editions and instead move to digital-only formats for over 100 regional and community papers, including the Monash Leader.

14 other titles will cease to exist altogether, and it has been reported that over 500 jobs will be lostⁱ.

The Monash Leader has already been moved to digital-only production for a number of editions since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision marks this as a permanent change.

ⁱ <https://mumbrella.com.au/news-corp-closes-over-100-print-papers-with-14-titles-to-disappear-completely-629436>