

*,Local Government Act 1989*

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

and

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS TO A COUNCILLOR CONDUCT PANEL

BY:

**COUNCILLOR ANGELA LONG**

**Applicant**

CONCERNING:

**COUNCILLOR MARIA SAMPEY**

**Respondent**

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

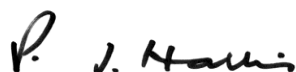
Pursuant to section 81M of the *Local Government Act 1989* (“*the Act*”) the Councillor Conduct Panel makes the following determinations under section 81J(1) of the Act:

1. The Panel finds that Cr. Maria Sampey, has engaged in conduct in breach of the Code of Conduct of the City of Greater Dandenong in that
  - (a) On 27 March 2010, at the Country Place Retreat, Kalorama, she referred to Cr. Angela Long as a “bitch” in the presence and hearing of Councillors, council officers and staff;
  - (b) On 24 May 2010 in the course of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Dandenong Chambers she stated to Cr. Angela Long that she “[did] not have a brain” and did so in circumstances where the statement was heard or able to be heard by Councillors and members of the public in attendance.
2. The Panel finds that the conduct described in paragraphs 1(a) and (b) hereof constitutes misconduct within the meaning of s.81A of the Act.
3. Having regard to the finding of misconduct, and the powers of the Panel conferred by subsections 81J(1)(c) and (2) of the Act, the Panel has determined that remedial action is required as follows:
  - (a) Councillor Sampey is reprimanded;

- (b) Councillor Sampey is directed to undertake training and to do so by entering into a mentoring arrangement for the period of 12 months commencing 1 January 2011 with an appropriately qualified person, not associated with the City of Greater Dandenong, being a person with significant municipal experience, and the Chief Executive Officer is directed to assist Cr. Sampey in identifying and engaging such a person.

4. In accordance with s.81J(5) of the Act any costs associated with the requirement made in para. 3(b) hereof are to be met by the Council.

Dated: 7 December 2010



PETER HARRIS

Chairperson, Legal Member,  
for and on behalf of the Panel

JOHN BRUCE

Municipal Governance Member

To: The Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Dandenong  
And To: Councillors Angela Long and Maria Sampey, City of Greater Dandenong  
The Honourable Jeanette Powell MP, Minister for Local Government