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## Mayor Resignation at North Burnett

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The Services Union respects the decision of the North Burnett Regional Council Mayor and wish her well.

The remaining Councillors now carry a heavier responsibility for the direction of Council and the level of support and services across all the North Burnett communities.

We are calling on the Councillors to move a new resolution directing Council to ensure:

1. Prioritise employment arrangements based within the region before facilitating remote working arrangements or engaging contractors in locations outside of North Burnett.
2. Maintain the existing operating hours of customer service and libraries and retain the hours of work for all CSL permanent employees, and 6 casual positions.
3. Identify other work which could be performed by those employees when not required to perform CSL tasks (i.e. information management, other admin support, community programs, etc), enabling opening hours to be maximised.

This week, our Union learned that over 25 positions are sitting vacant across Council. Half of these have been sitting on the CEO's desk for months waiting for approval to advertise.

It's time to focus on the future of the North Burnett. Let's keep local services open, keep money in the region as much as possible, and start employing locally again.

The power is in the Councillors hands. Do the right – save the North Burnett.

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