



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **COUNCIL STANDS AS ONE**

Mayor of King Island, David Munday condemns the actions of the so-called “King Island Sustainability Think Tank” behind a slanderous email attacking Councillors and staff.

Sent under the pseudonym of Brian Donahue, the email was sent to over 480 media, government, industry and private individuals on Friday 7 December.

The latest in a line of anonymous and cowardly attacks on members of the community, Council, its staff and elected Councillors, stand united in their condemnation of this bullying campaign.

*“We have all been humbled by the show of support from the community, shared publicly and privately over the last four days.”* said Mayor David Munday. *“King Island is a small community, with a population of only 1600. We cannot and will not allow this type of behaviour to infiltrate our Island.”*

King Island is well known for its premium dairy, beef and seafood, and a growing reputation for world class golf. Large scale investment in tourism, meat processing, and mining planned for the next 2 years will see significant growth of our population and economy. A recent report by the Bond University further identified King Island as having *“The best overall quality of life in a very remote area”* in its Happiness Index<sup>1</sup>.

King Island Council are committed to working together with the community in promotion of a strong and stable foundation from which our Island can flourish.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://happinessindex.bond.edu.au/>

