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ALGWA CALLS FOR LIVERPOOL COUNCIL TO REINSTATE MAYORS POWERS!

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Cr Julie Griffiths, President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW), has condemned the actions of Liverpool Council for their recent decision to side-line the popularly elected Mayor, Councillor Wendy Waller from her role as Liverpool Council's official spokesperson.

Cr Julie Griffiths said, "This is an appalling and unprovoked attack on a highly competent community leader and is grossly disrespectful to the popularly elected Mayor of Liverpool Council, Councillor Wendy Waller".

Mayor Wendy Waller said, "The situation is a slap in the face to the people who voted for me as Mayor and generally highlights the childishness and lack of respect displayed by these Councillors".

Cr Julie Griffiths said, "This is a crude example of "democracy by numbers". The actions of the Councillors who have taken this unprecedented and aggressive action against Mayor Wendy Waller brings discredit on local government as a whole".

"If this bizarre personal campaign against Mayor Wendy Waller is truly the priority of the Councillors at Liverpool Council then they should be ashamed of themselves. They owe the Mayor Wendy Waller and indeed, the entire community of Liverpool, an apology.

"I call on Liverpool Council to recognise the authority of the role of the Mayor and immediately rescind their motion and get Liverpool Council back to its core business of working for their local residents", said Cr Julie Griffiths.

Cr Julie Griffiths said, "If Liverpool Council persist in this direction, and continue to not recognise the authority of Mayor Wendy Waller, then I call on the Minister for Local Government to take action immediately.

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