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## **Letter to the Editor – The Mercury**

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I write in response to a series of articles published by your newspaper last week regarding developments in Glamorgan Spring Bay Council (GSBC) on the east coast of Tasmania. As Mayor of GSBC I would like to set the record straight in terms of my knowledge of early stage development proposals and the reference to 'mystery' developments.

It is completely false to report that as Mayor I knew nothing about the projects and developments referred to. I most certainly had some knowledge of these and at a level I would consider to be a fair and appropriate level of knowledge given the stage these proposals are at.

As I have explained, it is the General Manager's role to facilitate economic development in our municipal area and this inevitably means being party to early ideas and proposals that are commercial in confidence and where the developers wish to remain anonymous. Likewise, it is not surprising that the Co-ordinator General would be involved at these early stages in the discussions with the proponents, as this is clearly the role and purpose of that Department.

In the instance of the Waterloo Point proposal at Swansea, councillors were well aware that this area was earmarked for a development of this nature as it is detailed in the Swansea Township Structure Plan, which was developed across 2014/15, reviewed in detail by councillors and finally endorsed by Council in April 2016.

I have every confidence that the General Manager has been sharing an appropriate level of information on developments that are in the pipeline and in actual fact the confidential document that was leaked to The Mercury last week was one form of regular communication recently reinstated by the General Manager to keep councillors and myself informed on what are generally very commercial in confidence and careful negotiations.

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