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## **FEDERAL ELECTION SUPPORT** **Longford**

Northern Midlands Council Mayor Mary Knowles OAM and General Manager Des Jennings recently met with Brian Mitchell MP, Labor Federal member for Lyons.

Mayor Knowles sought from the Labor Federal member, his continued support to pursue the full payment of ex gratia rates by the Launceston Airport that are determined by the valuation by the State Valuer General and rate declaration by Northern Midlands Council.

Brian Mitchell MP agreed that the valuation of the Launceston Airport property should be valued independently by the State Valuer like all other properties that are rated by local government bodies.

“As the Federal Member for Lyons I am supportive of the Northern Midlands Council’s endeavour to receive fair and equitable payment of ex gratia rates from the Launceston Airport, and will continue to strongly advocate for this with whoever forms Government following the May election” said Brian Mitchell MP.

Mayor Mary Knowles expressed to Brian Mitchell, Council’s and the community’s thanks for his support on this matter, where we see another case of a large corporation who gives lip service to being a good corporate citizen, but will not allow this to get in the way of profit.

**ENDS**

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