

Hi Sharon,

Thank you for your email, my reply is based on personal experience.

To be fair in reviewing your neutrality policies as an absolute minimum you require true and accurate P/L reports for the businesses in question i.e. AN ACCURATE FINANCIAL REPORT nothing less. It must allocate ALL COSTS for everything such as rent, electricity, phones, wages, super, overtime, vehicles, Insurance, IT costs, outgoings etc etc etc etc etc etc etc

My personal experience was with both Newcastle & Lake Macquarie City Councils print shops, sure they produced financials but they were not true and accurate so the public falsely view a profitable business, yet in truth, they lose money hand over fist. I spoke to a business owner who used LMCC print because he was a ratepayer and they were profitable, what a joke.

Where it hurt is how they undercut our mum and dad business, LMCC still does, NCC has since closed.

VERY IMPORTANTLY, if non-critical sectors are competing in the marketplace and financials show the government enterprise runs at a loss, the councillors in this instance I feel should react accordingly.

My personal opinion is should you choose not to produce true financials don't bother going any further, you are wasting everyone's time & money. As we all know, there are no teeth at this level and true reporting may well be the answer.

Regards

Kent Rowe