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Item 10.10		For (F) Against (A)
Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023		
Written Statements		
1.	Mr George Reynolds	(A)
Requests to Speak		
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WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Item 10.10**Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023****For (F)
Against (A)****1.****Mr George Reynolds****(A)**

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Submission to Agenda Item 10.10. Draft Annual Financial Statements.

Submitter: George Reynolds, Ratepayer.

Opposed to the Proposed Resolution.

I find the Draft Statement is non-compliant with the Australian Accounting Standard AASB 101-29 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. (SR 117/2020)

AASB 101.29 Requires that an entity "shall present separately, items of a dissimilar nature or function, unless they are immaterial". Council is responsible for managing four separate functions, that of General Rates, of Municipal Charges, of Waste Service Charges and of Own-source Revenue

The Draft Statement is also non-compliant with the requirements of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 by not having reported separately, the expenditure on General Rates, on Municipal Charges, and on Waste Service Charges, as required by s8 (5)(c), s8(5)(h) and s8(5)(m).

An expanded version of the Comprehensive Income Statement(CIS) is attached, where it shows income statements for each of the four functions making up Council's aggregated CIS. There is also an Adjusted Income Statement, compliant with the requirements of Schedule 3, Part 1, of S.R. 117/2020.

The revised document shows, for the first time since S.R. 17/2014 was introduced, an income statement for Own-source Revenue. (This is the revenue statement for those Council Operations, which are conducted as a corporation).

This revised document demonstrates:

- (a) Council is, and has been for some time, concealing the accounts for its corporate activities.
- (b) It over-collects, by a substantial sum, (\$49 million), from the non-voluntary contribution of \$108.643 million. made by the payers of rates and charges.
- (c) The overcollection has been concealed by failure to comply with s8(5) of both SR 17/2014 and SR 117/2020.
- (d) That Council is, and has been, operating its corporate entity while bankrupt.
- (e) That Council regularly misappropriates between 15% and 49% from the annual rates and charges levy. This conceals the bankrupt operation of the Own-source Revenue function.
- (f) That Council supports the Capital Expenditure programme by transferring unused funds into a cash reserve which purchases assets in the ownership of Council, as a Corporation, but is largely funded by the ratepayers.

It is further noted that Council is carrying \$120million in available financial assets. Much of this cash - and more - should be held in trust, on behalf of the contributors, as required by AASB 1004. 19-26.

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Attachment. BAYSIDE CITY COUNCIL – Accounts 2022-23. Schedule of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

Adjusted Income is compliant with the requirements of Schedule 3 Part 1, of Regulation 117/2020.
Adjusted Underlying Result is shown in Schedule 2 Part 3-1. Operating Position. This indicator is not yet reported.
Auditing balance will be achieved when the total expenses for General Rates, Municipal Charges, and Waste Charge matches \$59,017,640.