

The Herald Sun published “Outrage at Allan Government after Minister uses secret report to ‘seize control’ of Kingston Council”

The report by Gianni Francis said “The state government has been slammed for using a secret report to “seize control” of Kingston council in a move that could cost ratepayers more than \$1500 per day for the next six months.”

“It is understood the monitors were appointed by the Labor government following complaints by two councillors aligned with the Labor Party about the behaviour of independent councillors.”

Save Kingswood says: Councillors and Residents have claimed this political and financial impost is without precedent and has no place in a democracy.

The Herald Sun went on to say “Minister Staikos is yet to publicly substantiate any issues in governance to justify the move, raising concerns among the community around the secrecy.”

“Mayor Georgina Oxley said she didn’t agree with the decision, saying it was “unclear” why Kingston ratepayers would have to foot the bill for another six months of monitors.”

“Mr Watson invoiced the council ... about one month’s work at the expense of the ratepayer to \$25,952.

See the Herald Sun for much more on this explosive political report.