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**To:** DTE Board of Directors <directors@dte.coop>, 'Down To Earth Organising Committee' <ocmail@dte.org.au>  
**Cc:** "board@dte.coop" <board@dte.coop>  
**Subject:** Re: SGM Notice  
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Dear Directors,

I believe you exaggerate my role. Since the forced resignation of the General Meeting Working Group, I have been working under close direction of the OC in these GM notices.

My last direction in regard to the upcoming SGM was to send the Notice of Meeting, no more, no less. An additional notice on behalf of the Board was not countenanced, and I do not believe your request falls within my direction from the OC.

Had the GMWG still been operative, there would have been flexibility to look at your request.

I suggest you have two courses of action available if you still seek to send such a notice. One is to send the notice you request directly from the Board, as has been done in the past. The other is to propose the notice you seek to the OC, at which point I or someone else could be authorised to send same.

I thank you for asking for my assistance and appreciate your understanding of the limitations around my role.

Yours sincerely,

John Reid.

On 21/7/21 6:24 pm, DTE Board of Directors wrote:

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> Dear John,  
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> We write to you in your role as the volunteer responsible for issuing  
> general meeting notices. We note the notice of special general  
> meeting you sent to members 20 July 2021, including a candidate  
> statement for a purported casual vacancy on the board.  
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> The Board is currently seeking legal advice on the matter of whether  
> one or more vacancies have in fact arisen. This involves  
> clarification of the director inactivity credits system and  
> interpretation of our Rules. It is therefore improper to proceed with  
> a director election until the Board resolves this matter.  
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> We ask you to immediately inform members that any elections for casual  
> vacancies have been suspended until further notice. Please tender  
> this correspondence to the Organising Committee to inform them of the  
> same. The Board will inform the Organising Committee of the  
> determination when the matter is resolved.  
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> The Board appreciates your understanding and assistance with this  
> situation.  
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> Yours sincerely,

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> Board of Directors

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> Down to Earth (Victoria) Co-operative Society Ltd

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