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Council recognizes the importance of accountability, transparency, fairness and openness in governance of the College; in making decisions that reflect the public interest; and that demonstrate that it exists to provide service to the public. As such, strong and effective linkages with the community are essential.

Accordingly, the Council will ensure that:

- 1. It receives as many diverse opinions as possible on issues upon which it deliberates and from as wide a variety of sources as possible, and where this may be lacking, that it specifically requests augmented information prior to making final decisions.
- 2. A mechanism is made available for public and community access to the Council to foster openness **and** dialogue as an expression of a genuine interest in the perspectives that may be brought forward.
- 3. Information is provided to the public and the community regarding the decisions that it has taken and the basis for those decisions.
- 4. Information is provided to the public and the community about the important role that the College plays in ensuring access to safe, competent and ethical naturopathic care and the processes in which the College engages to accomplish this goal.

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