



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
28 FEBRUARY 2017**

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SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2017
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,
64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 9.05AM**

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Crs Dobie (Chair), Gow, McNally, McNichol, Meiklejohn, Pennisi, Stocks and Windle

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Peter Gribbin (Acting Director Planning, Environment and Community Services), Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

2. APOLOGIES

2.1 Apology - Cr Kelly

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr V Pennisi

THAT the apology of Cr Kelly be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. EXECUTIVE

4.1 Submission to Shaping SEQ Plan

Resolution

Moved Cr M McNichol

Seconded Cr V Pennisi

THAT Council:-

1. Endorse the Submission to Shaping South East Queensland Plan.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning seeking an urgent review of the Darling Downs Regional Plan.

Carried

4.2 Submission to the Operation, Effectiveness and Consequences of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016

Resolution

Moved Cr M McNichol

Seconded Cr V Pennisi

THAT Council endorse the submission to the operation, effectiveness, and consequences of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2017.

Carried

4.3 Submission to the Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2017

Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council endorse the Submission to the Bail (Domestic Violence) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2017.

Carried

5. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5.1 Submission - Banning Single Use Plastic Shopping Bags in Queensland

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr J McNally

THAT Council endorse the submission sent by the Planning, Environment & Corporate Services officers to the State Government's inquiry into the banning of single use plastic bags in Queensland.

Carried

5.2 Invasive Pest Control Scheme

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council :-

1. Adopt the attached draft Invasive Pest Control Scheme Policy;
2. Undertake a four week public consultation program.

Carried

Attachments

1. Draft Invasive Pest Control Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

6. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

6.1 Emu Swamp Dam Feasibility Contract 17/034

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

Meeting In Camera

Resolution

Moved Cr V Pennisi

Seconded Cr J McNally

THAT the meeting move into closed session.

Carried

The Meeting moved into closed session at 9.26am

09:26 AM Cr M McNichol left the meeting.

09:28 AM Cr M McNichol rejoined the meeting.

Meeting Out Of Camera

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 9.45am.

Carried

6.1 Emu Swamp Dam Feasibility Contract 17/034

Resolution

Moved Cr V Pennisi

Seconded Cr N Meiklejohn

THAT Council:

1. Enter into a Contract with GHD Pty Ltd ABN 39 008 488 373 to complete a strategic assessment of the Emu Swamp Dam proposal; and
2. Note that the Contract may come to an end at any of the gateways prescribed under the Conditions of the Contract.

Carried

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.46am.

