



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
3 DECEMBER 2018**

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SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2018
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,
64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 9:00AM**

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Graham O'Byrne (Director Infrastructure Services), Jane Stroud (Director Sustainable Development)

2. APOLOGIES

2.1 Apology - Cr Pennisi

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr M McNichol

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

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5.1.1 Agenda Item 5.1 – Tender 19_069 Transfer of Project Approvals for the Emu Swamp Dam Project - Move Discussion to Open Meeting

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr M McNichol

THAT Council resolve to move the attached confidential report for Agenda Item 15.1 Transfer of Project Approvals for the Emu Swamp Dam Project to the open meeting for discussion and voting.

Carried

Attachments

1. Council Report - Tender 19_069 Transfer of Project Approvals for the Emu Swamp Dam Project - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

4. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4.1 Councillor Policies and Repealing of Model Local Law No. 2 (Meetings) 2008

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr M McNichol

THAT Council:

1. Repeal Council's current Councillors Code of Conduct Policy and Code of Meeting Practice Policy.
2. Adopt the attached policies:
 - a. Council Meetings Policy;
 - b. Councillors Investigations Policy; and
 - c. Councillors Acceptable Request Policy.
3. Propose to make *Local Law (Repealing) Local Law (No. 1) 2018* as attached.

Carried

Attachments

1. PL-EX036 Council Meetings Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
2. PL-GV085 Councillors Investigation Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
3. PL-EX086 Councillors Acceptable Request Policy - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**
4. Local Law (Repealing) Local Law (No. 1) 2018 - **Attached to the Minutes Under Separate Cover**

5.1 Tender 19_069 - Transfer of Project Approvals for the Emu Swamp Dam Project

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr M McNichol

THAT Council enters into a contract with the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce for the purchase of the Project Approvals resulting from the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the Emu Swamp Dam Project for the amount of \$8,000.00.

Carried

5. 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:

5.1 Tender 19_069 - Transfer of Project Approvals for the Emu Swamp Dam Project

This item was moved into and dealt with in the open meeting.

5.2 Drought Communities Programme funding

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

Meeting In Camera

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT the meeting move into closed session for the purpose of discussing other business.

Carried

The Meeting moved into closed session at 9:08am.

Meeting Out Of Camera

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 9.15am.

Carried

5.2 Drought Communities Programme funding

Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council endorses the re-submission of the following funding applications under the Drought Communities Programme:

- Indestructible Water Standpipes (potable water only) for Warwick (Wallace Street), Stanthorpe (Visitor Info Centre), Yangan and Allora - \$200,000 (total for all four locations)
- Community Halls and RSL's (excluding facilities with gaming) – Capital improvements and maintenance - \$250,000
- Community and sporting organisations (excluding facilities with gaming) – rain water tanks and water saving devices - \$200,000
- Water carting (potable water only) - \$150,000
- Leyburn Bore works (potable water) - \$200,000

Carried

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:16am.