



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
13 NOVEMBER 2024**

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SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2024
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,
64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT 12:30PM**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Crs Hamilton (Chair), Bartley, Deane, Harslett, McDonald, Pidgeon, Richters, Wantling and Windle

Officers: Steve Johnston (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Nick Wellwood (Director Infrastructure Services), Angela O'Mara (Acting Director Planning and Environmental Services), Belinda Armstrong (Manager Corporate Services) and Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precise	Nature of Conflict
4.1	SDRC 2023-2024 Annual Report	Cr McDonald declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) as she is a primary producer and sells cattle at the Warwick and Stanthorpe Saleyards. Although Cr McDonald has a declarable conflict of interest, she does not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because of her conflict. Therefore, Cr McDonald will choose to remain in the meeting, however, she will respect the decision of the meeting on whether she can remain and participate in the decision. Following a resolution from Council, Cr McDonald participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
4.1	SDRC 2023-2024 Annual Report	Cr Pidgeon declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) as she is a primary producer that uses the Warwick Saleyards. Although Cr Pidgeon has a declarable conflict of interest, she does not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because of her conflict. Therefore, Cr Pidgeon will choose to remain in the meeting, however, she will respect the decision of the meeting on whether she can remain and participate in the decision. Following a resolution from Council, Cr Pidgeon participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
4.1	SDRC 2023-2024 Annual Report	Cr Bartley declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) as he is a user of the Warwick Saleyards and derives income from the sale

		of cattle. As a result of Cr Bartley's conflict, he will leave the meeting room while the matter of the Saleyards is discussed.
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3.1 Conflict of Interest - Cr McDonald - Agenda Item 4.1

Resolution

Moved Cr M Harslett

Seconded Cr J Richters

THAT Council, following the declarable conflict of interest declaration by Cr McDonald for Agenda Item 4.1, determines that it is in the public interest that she participates and votes on the matter as her declarable conflict is not of sufficient significance that it will lead her to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and would not prevent her from performing her Councillor responsibilities and serving the public interest of the region by remaining in the room for the discussion and vote on the matter.

Carried

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, J Richters, R Wantling and S Windle (6)

Against: Nil (0)

Noting Cr Bartley and Cr Pidgeon did not participate in the vote due to a previously declared Conflict of Interest.

3.2 Conflict of Interest - Cr Pidgeon: Agenda Item 4.1

Resolution

Moved Cr S Windle

Seconded Cr S Deane

THAT Council, following the declarable conflict of interest declaration by Cr Pidgeon for Agenda Item 4.1, determines that it is in the public interest that she participates and votes on the matter as her declarable conflict is not of sufficient significance that it will lead her to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and would not prevent her from performing her Councillor responsibilities and serving the public interest of the region by remaining in the room for the discussion and vote on the matter.

Carried

The following votes were recorded:

For: Crs S Deane, M Hamilton, M Harslett, J Richters, R Wantling and S Windle (6)

Against: Nil (0)

Noting Cr Bartley and Cr McDonald did not participate in the vote due to a previously declared Conflict of Interest.

CR MCDONALD DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEM 4.1, AND FOLLOWING A RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THE ITEM.

CR PIDGEON DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEM 4.1, AND FOLLOWING A RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THE ITEM.

CR BARTLEY DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEM 4.1, AND LEFT THE MEETING AT 12:34PM DURING DISCUSSION ON THE WARWICK SALEYARDS.

12:35PM CR R BARTLEY REJOINED THE MEETING.

4. CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

4.1 SDRC 2023-24 Annual Report

Resolution

Moved Cr J Richters

Seconded Cr C McDonald

THAT Council adopt the Southern Downs Regional Council 2023-24 Annual Report incorporating the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Carried Unanimously

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:37pm.