



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2019
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,
61 MARSH STREET, STANTHORPE AT 12 NOON**

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Seren McKenzie (Director Infrastructure Services), Jane Stroud (Director Sustainable Development) and Joanne Morris (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precs	Nature of Conflict
4.1	Building Our Regions Round 5 Regional Capital Fund - Planning	Cr Pennisi declared a Material Personal Interest in this matter (as defined in section 175 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) due to his role as Chair of Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel and some of the irrigators connected to the Effluent Reuse Scheme are members of that Panel and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.
4.2	2019-21 Works for Queensland Program Funding Variation	Cr Pennisi declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 175 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist due to due to his role as Chair of Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel and a Director of Granite Belt Water Pty Ltd and Emu Swamp Dam Pty Ltd. Cr Pennisi dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest and asked Council to consider his participation in the discussion and vote on this matter. Following a resolution from Council, Cr Pennisi participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
5.1	Evaluation Report – PSA for Water Carting	Cr Pennisi declared a Material Personal Interest in this matter (as defined in section 175 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>) due to his role as

		Chair of Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel and a Director of Granite Belt Water Pty Ltd and Emu Swamp Dam Pty Ltd and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.
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3.1 Conflict of Interest - Cr Pennisi - Agenda Item 4.2

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr C Gow

THAT Cr Pennisi has a perceived conflict of interest in Agenda Item 4.2 due to his role as Chair of Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel and as Director of Granite Belt Water Pty Ltd and Emu Swamp Dam Pty Ltd, and notwithstanding the conflict, Cr Pennisi may participate in the matter, discuss and vote upon it.

Carried

Cr Pennisi declared a Material Personal Interest in Agenda Item 4.1 (as defined in section 175 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to his role as Chair of Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel and some of the irrigators connected to the Effluent Reuse Scheme are members of that Panel and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter. Cr Pennisi left the room 12:01pm.

4. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

4.1 Building Our Regions Round 5 Regional Capital Fund - Planning

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr M McNichol

THAT Council:

1. Submit a business case application to the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions Regional Capital Fund – Planning Round 5 for the planning of the relocation and construction of a new Stanthorpe Waste Water Treatment Plant to provide high quality A+ recycled water quality for use by agricultural and local businesses.
2. Commits to a financial contribution of 25% of the total cost of this project.

Carried

Cr Pennisi rejoined the meeting.

Cr Pennisi declared that a perceived conflict of interest in Agenda Item 4.2 (as defined in section 175 of the Local Government Act 2009), may exist due to his role as Chair of Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel and a Director of Granite Belt Water Pty Ltd and Emu Swamp Dam Pty Ltd. Cr Pennisi dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest and asked Council to consider his participation in the discussion and vote on this matter. Following a resolution from Council, Cr Pennisi participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

4.2 2019-21 Works for Queensland Program funding variation

Resolution

Moved Cr J McNally

Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council submits a variation request to the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to request the reallocation of \$300,000 from the 2019-2021 Works for Queensland funding from the Dagg's Falls Upgrade Project to the Dalveen Water Reservoir Project.

Carried

Cr Pennisi voted for the motion.

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 Evaluation Report - PSA for Water Carting

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.

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Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr S Windle

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

Carried

The Meeting moved into closed session at 12:06PM.

12:06PM Cr Pennisi left the meeting during discussion on Agenda Item 5.1.

Meeting Out Of Camera

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 12:10PM.

Carried

5.1 Evaluation Report - PSA for Water Carting

Resolution

Moved Cr C Gow

Seconded Cr S Windle

THAT Council enter into contractual arrangements with twenty-four tenderers to form a Preferred Supplier Arrangement for Water Carting (Tender 19_211).

Carried

Cr Pennisi rejoined the meeting.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:11PM.