

## **MINUTES**

## SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT COBRAM CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC 3644, WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2022

The meeting commenced at 5.03 PM.

PRESENT Councillor Libro Mustica (Mayor)

Councillor Peter Lawless (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor John Beitzel
Councillor Julie Brooks
Councillor Ed Cox
Councillor Peter Elliott
Councillor Judy Heather
Councillor Wayne Limbrick
Councillor Peter Mansfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Clare Keenan Chief Executive Officer

Josh Lewis Director Infrastructure Services

Rosanne Kava Acting Director Sustainable Communities

Matt Jarvis Chief Financial Officer

Amanda Chadwick Manager Governance & Performance

Nancy Mustica Senior Governance Officer

Bobby Brook Executive Support Mayor and Councillors

Marg Allan Municipal Monitor

## RECORDING

Consistent with section 12.3 of our Governance Rules, Council officers have been authorised to record the public session of this meeting using an audio recording device.

#### LIVE STREAMING

Council meetings will now be lived streamed to allow those interested in viewing proceedings greater access to Council decisions and debate, without attending the meeting in person.

#### 1. WELCOME CALLING TO ORDER - CEO

## 2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

Read by the Mayor

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## 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

Read by the Mayor

## 4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 5. DECLARATION UNDER ACTS, REGULATIONS, CODES OR LOCAL LAWS

Nil

#### 6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor Libro Mustica declared a direct interest with item 11.2.3.

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### MOTION:

CRS JULIE BROOKS / JOHN BEITZEL

"That the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 July 2022, as prepared, be confirmed."

(CARRIED)

## 8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr Peter Elliott attended the Moira Shire Council Business Awards and the Bundalong rates information session.

Cr Mansfield attended a Wilby Recreation Reserve meeting, Murray Darling Basin Authority meeting and Multisport Project Steering Committee meeting.

Cr Heather attended the Multisport Project Steering Committee including the Yarrawonga – Mulwala Basketball Association meeting, Lakeside Lioness Club craft exhibition and the Moira Shire Council Business Awards evening.

Cr Limbrick also attended the Moira Shire Council Business Awards. The Nathalia New Year's Eve Carnival is going ahead in 2022. Numurkah Flood Mitigation Committee had an onsite walk around the northern levee to finalise details. ABC radio called to discuss the Nathalia Flood Barrier training session. Congratulated all the local football and netball clubs in the shire on the season.

Cr Lawless met with the Liberal candidate for Shepparton Cheryl Hammer along with the Mayor and CEO. Attended the Moira Shire Business Awards. Riverine plains expo was held at the showgrounds in August. Represented Council at the Road Safety Committee Meeting, attended the GMCU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and had an onsite meeting at the JC Lowe Oval to discuss lighting. Upper Boosey Flood Steering Committee meeting was held in Tungamah. Along with the other Councillors also attended the Multisport Project Steering Committee meeting.

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#### 9. OFFICERS REPORTS

## CORPORATE, GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE

## **OH&S Training**

Council managers, team leaders and supervisors are currently undertaking health and safety training and development, to ensure our leaders have up to date knowledge and skills necessary for them to fulfil their duties and responsibilities under the OHS Act, to keep our staff, contractors and public safe.

We are also developing training sessions for Council's contractors to ensure they understand the requirements of our Contracted Works Procedure and their OH&S obligations. The sessions will be conducted in November and we will be inviting contractors to these free training sessions shortly.

#### Recruitment

During July, Council actively recruited 20 positions, including 11 permanent positions. Four new employees commenced, four employees resigned and we have had two employees retire from Council.

We attended the Melbourne Careers Expo in July, which was held over three days, from Friday to Sunday. Our team provided information on local job opportunities within the shire and promoted tourism within our region.

## Pandemic workforce implications

The Pandemic continues to cause workforce challenges for Council, and in particular, for the past few months we have seen an escalation in staff accessing leave, with 11 staff accessing special COVID leave in July.

## **Customer Experience**

Council continues to receive enquiries regarding rates notices, with over 600 calls received in July. 90% of these enquiries were handled and resolved at first point of contact within the customer experience team. In total, we managed over 3,300 incoming calls into our customer experience team.

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

## **Property Valuations**

With the annual rate notices having gone out this month, property valuations and how they impact rates continue to be of focus for ratepayers. It is important to reiterate that any increase in property valuations does not lead to increased revenue for Council.

Valuations for council rates notices are done on an annual basis and are made by certified practicing valuers on behalf of the Valuer-General Victoria. To make a valuation the valuers utilise various data including property transactions, such as sales and rental transactions.

Ratepayers can object to valuations within 2 months of receiving the annual rates notice. This year the deadline for objections is 5 October 2022. Refer to the Moira Shire Council website for more information on objecting to a valuation.

## **Skilled Migration**

Businesses within the Shire that are having trouble finding skilled workers now have access to options through skilled migration. The first option is the Goulburn Valley Designated Area Migration Agreement or "GV DAMA" established by Moira Shire in conjunction with Greater Shepparton City Council and Campaspe Shire Council.

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Under this framework, employers in the Shire who are experiencing skills and labour shortages can apply to enter into a DAMA labour agreement. This enables employers to sponsor skilled and semi-skilled overseas workers with more flexible requirements. The framework ensures workers appointed are not replacing local workers but are filling large gaps in the labour market. More information can be obtained by visiting gvdama.com.au.

Another option available to businesses is the 2022/23 Skilled Migration Visa Nomination Program. The program is now open to applicants living in Victoria and overseas. The program provides skilled migrants with a pathway to permanent residency in Victoria. Search the internet for Skilled Migration Visa Nomination Program for more information.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

## Staff Challenges

Council continues to experience difficulty in attracting technical staff in the area of town planning and engineering, with the associated Teams unable to meet current demand.

Of particular note is the Engineering Registration Act that has been recently introduced in Victoria, with all staff making engineering decisions required to be registered prior to the sunset date of 1 October 2022. Council continues the process of ensuring compliance with this act and also highlights the need for engineering related to private developments and works to be completed by a registered engineer.

We are doing everything possible to address delays associated with Council approvals and ask for patience until these Teams are again fully staffed.

## **Emergency Management - Mock Response**

Council ran a mock exercise today at Nathalia in ensuring our preparedness for any possible future flood event.

The primary purpose of the event was for Council staff to be familiar with, and install Council's mobile levee system if required.

Council will continue to run similar exercises in best preparing ourselves for any event within Moira Shire that requires Council's assistance.

#### **Project Update**

Council has already delivered \$1.2M of its capital works program with a further \$11.9M having been committed.

Project highlights include:

- Works are well underway in relation to an EV charging point in Federation park, Cobram
- Nathalia West drainage upgrades have commenced (veldt Street into federation Street.)
- The 2022/23 resheeting of Council's gravel roads has commenced and is progressing well.

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## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Immunisation Rates – July Update:

	2020	2021	2022
	July	July	July
Infants	65	89	125
Students	1	3	6
Adults	3	11	8
Staff			1
Total Clients	69	103	140
Total Encounters	135	212	292

Community Strengthening Grants - July Update:

- COVID Recovery 0 grants
- Quick Response 1 grant totalling \$1,000

Community consultation for the Community Strengthening Grants Policy commenced on Monday 22 August with feedback due by Friday 9 September.

## **Homelessness Update:**

Cobram: Cobram Apex Club and Neighbourhood House are shortly to commence a supported showering program for the homeless in Cobram. This program is supported by a Quick Response Grant from Council and will run from Killara House, supported by volunteers on days yet to be advised.

Yarrawonga: Yarrawonga Mulwala Community Learning Centre (YMCLC) has submitted a draft homeless shower proposal at Yarrawonga Senior Citizens. Discussions are in train with Senior Citizens and YMCLC representatives to progress this including any training needs for volunteers (if not part of an existing service club).

Groups in Nathalia and Numurkah are considering operating using a similar model, assisted by Council officers.

A hardship brochure (including contacts relating to homelessness) with service provider contact details across the Shire has been developed and is going to the printer for design and printing shortly.

## All Abilities Advisory Committee:

To date we have received 10 applications for Council's All Abilities Advisory Committee, formerly the Disability Advisory Committee. An update will be provided to Councillors once the committee has been endorsed.

## **Tourism**

Visitor Information Point update: We warmly welcome The Big Strawberry to our Visitor Information Point network, bringing the total to 22.

Dollar Discovery Weekend Success: On 23-24 July, Moira Shire residents took part in the popular Dollar Discovery Weekend, visiting tourist spots right across the shire. More than 1,400 Dollar Discovery offers were purchased. Residents enjoyed delicious local produce, coffee, wine, golf, cactus adventures and more – all for just \$1.

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Visitor Services Team and Industry familiarisation tour: Was held on 14July. It included members of the Moira Shire and Yarrawonga Visitor Services teams, Numurkah Community Learning Centre volunteers, and representatives from some of tourism operators. A big thank you to all operators who allowed us to visit their premises including: How Now Dairy, Kewstoke Olive Estate, Wakiti Creek Resort, River Bend Caravan Park and Cape Horn Winery.

## Safety and Amenity Unit

For the month of July Council impounded 22 cats and 9 dogs. Of these, 2 cats and 3 dogs had been surrendered to Council. We rehomed 4 dogs and 7 cats via our 84Y agreements with Save A Dog Scheme, The Cat Protection Society and Pets Haven.

We are currently following up the un-renewed animal registrations for 316 dogs and 133 cats. Please pay your overdue registrations urgently.

The National Desexing Network discounted cat desexing program skyrocketed in July with 33 cats (17 male and 16 female) being desexed, microchipped and registered with Council.

We are currently recruiting for School Crossing Supervisors. Please contact Council if interested.

## Sustainability

## **Transfer Station Changes**

Community consultation is occurring for the Transfer Station Rationalisation Project. Community Drop In Sessions will be held on the 30th and 31st of August at Strathmerton, Tungamah and Yabba.

#### Trees

Tree planting days have been happening across the early season with Schools Tree Day and Community Tree Day celebrated 29 and 30 July and other smaller tree planting days held with school and community groups.

Rural Tree Scheme has been very popular since opening on July 1st. Already designated 2.200 trees from an allocation of 10.000.

#### Waste

Council continues to maintain an excellent low contamination rate in its organic waste service. We consistently average about 0.35% which is well below the state average for rural Councils.

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## 10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

<ul><li>Summarised Question</li><li>1. What is the process to get an item on the agenda for a council meeting?</li><li>2. When are Councillors made aware of the agenda items?</li></ul>	Our Governance Rules provide details in relation to our meeting procedures including preparation of the Agenda and our available on our website.  The CEO may include any matter on the Agenda which they think should be considered at the meeting. Councillors are provided with a draft agenda 2 weeks before the Council Meeting. The Governance Rules currently in force state that the final Agenda is provided at least 7 days before the meeting however a period of less than 7 days may be justified if exceptional circumstances exist, but no less than 5 days.
1. What were the Moira Shire Planning staff assessing on the former Yarrawonga Primary School Site on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022?  2. The proposed governance rules state questions for the council meeting are to be submitted 48hs before the meeting. A question about items to be decided in the agenda for the meeting cannot be asked by the community. Is that fair, reasonable & transparent?	1. Council staff were on site to accompany the Department of Treasury and Finance. There was general discussion in relation to heritage considerations, asset condition and the Department's disposal processes.  2. The draft Governance Rules were available for community comment during August in which no submissions were received. The amendment to the timeline for receiving questions from the public is to enable Council staff more time to provide a comprehensive response. All items on the Agenda are discussed by Councillors in an open forum and livestreamed in which any queries the public may have on the matter may be resolved during debate. We encourage the public to seek further clarification following the meeting either through our Customer Experience Team or Question Time at the following meeting.
<ol> <li>Now that the Library project is about to commence what will be the all up cost when the doors open?</li> <li>What will be the dollar cost of the Town Hall refurbishment until the doors are open again?</li> </ol>	1 & 2 Council has a current contract with Ultra Project Services valued at \$7.4m inc. GST for the complete package of works (ie. capturing both Stage 1 & 2.)  There are other costs associated with works that will be progressed separately by Council, with these works being currently estimated at \$300,000.
Can you please tell us when the Yarrawonga Town Hall will be open for bookings again in 2023?  What is the hold-up on the construction	At this point Council do not expect the Town Hall to be re-opened 'till November 2023, however we will explore opportunities (with our construction contractor) to maximise the availability of this facility.  There were a number of unforeseen circumstances
of the new library?	that delayed construction including managing services and ensuring compliance with all associated requirements. We anticipate to commence construction in September.

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FILE NO: 5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE ITEM NO: 11.1.1

(FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT, ANDREW

WILSON)

(CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER MATT JARVIS)

# ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADE AGREEMENTS (EUA) - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JUNE 2022

## **Executive Summary**

This report provides an update on the Environmental Upgrade Agreements involving Council for the quarter ending 30 June 2022.

Reporting requirement	Status as at 30 June 2022		
<ul> <li>a) Each environmental upgrade agreement entered into in the last quarter, and the rateable land to which the agreement relates.</li> </ul>	No new agreements entered into in the last quarter.		
<ul> <li>b) Each environmental upgrade charge approved in respect of the agreements referred to in paragraph (a), and the value of the charges.</li> </ul>	No new agreements entered into in the last quarter.		
c) The total number of environmental upgrade charges in operation in the last quarter.	5		
<ul> <li>d) The total value of all environmental upgrade charge payments that have fallen due and have not been paid.</li> </ul>	Nil		
e) The total value of all environmental upgrade charge payments that are yet to fall due.	\$3,758,182		

Cr Peter Lawless left the meeting at 5:43pm and returned at 5.44pm and was not present for the vote on the motion.

#### **MOTION**

CRS ED COX / JOHN BEITZEL

That Council notes the Environment Upgrade Agreements quarterly performance report for the June 2022 quarter.

(CARRIED)

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FILE NO: 5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.1.2 (CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, MATT JARVIS) (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CLARE KEENAN)

## **CONTRACTS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATION REPORT**

## **Executive Summary**

Council's *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* was adopted on 27 October 2021 which provides a delegation to the CEO to award contracts up to the value of \$350,000.

The Procurement Policy (adopted 27 October 2021) requires purchases between \$150,001 (exc GST) and \$350,000 (exc GST) to follow an advertised RFQ (Request for Quote) process.

This report lists all contracts awarded under delegation since the adoption of the Procurement Policy in October 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Contract No.	Contract Details	Value exclusive of GST	Awarded to
C022/21	Construction of Kerb and Channel and Associated Works, Karook Street, Cobram	\$228,440.34	Miller Pipe & Civil Pty Ltd December 2021
C014/21	Supply & Lease of One 4m3 Day Cab Tip Truck (7 years lease plus balloon payment)	\$215,524.49	SG Fleet Australia December 2021
C025/21	Numurkah Town Hall Airconditioning Refurbishment	\$190,052.31	Dickson's Refrigeration & Airconditioning January 2022
C002/21	Supply & Delivery of Two (2) Water Tanker Trailers	\$217,000.00	Freightmore Transport Pty Ltd March 2022
C013/22	Upgrade of the Barmah Punt Site – Evans Street, Barmah	\$187,600.08	O'Loughlin Excavations Pty Ltd April 2022
C009/22	Supply & Installation of Airconditioning System – Cobram Sports Stadium	\$231,902.00	Refrigelec Pty Ltd May 2022
C001/22	Supply and Delivery of Eight (8) Light Fleet Vehicles (renewal)	\$344,270.89	De Maria Motors June 2022

## **MOTION**

CRS PETER ELLIOTT / ED COX

That Council note the report on contracts awarded under delegation.

(CARRIED)

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**FILE NO: F20/205** 

**5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE** 

GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.2.1
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY MUSTICA)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

## **GOVERNANCE RULES**

## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is seek Councillors endorsement on the revised Governance Rules.

The Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) requires Council to adopt and maintain Governance Rules (adopted in August 2020). The Regulatory Legislation Amendment Act 2022 proposes amendments to the Act that are required to be reflected in our Governance Rules.

In summary, the amendments include the ability and process to approve Councillors attending Council and Delegated Committee Meetings via electronic means from 2 September 2022.

During this review we have taken the opportunity to incorporate our Election Period Policy into the Governance Rules as required by the Act.

Amending our Governance Rules triggered a community engagement requirement. The rules were available for public comment from 14 July and concluded on 28 July 2022. No public comments were received during this time.

We now seek Council's endorsement of the attached Governance Rules.

#### **MOTION**

#### CRS ED COX / PETER ELLIOTT

That Council resolves to:

- 1. Adopt the Governance Rules.
- 2. That all Scheduled and Unscheduled Council Meetings and Delegated Committee Meetings have the option to participate via electronic means in a hybrid format.
- 3. Revoke the Caretaker (Election Period) Policy.

(CARRIED)

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FILE NO: F13/493

**5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE** 

GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.2.2
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY MUSTICA)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

## **AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 21 JULY 2022**

## **Executive Summary**

The Audit & Risk Committee (the Committee) is an independent advisory Committee to Council. The primary objective of the Committee is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risks and maintaining a reliable system of internal controls.

In accordance with the Audit & Risk Committee Charter, the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee held on 21 July 2022 are attached.

The following reports were considered by the committee:

- Claims Management and Insurance Renewal Report for 2021/22.
- WHS Status Report
- 2021/22 Asset Valuations Report on Process
- Risk Register Report
- Fraud Risk Register Report
- Due Diligence Review Summary of Recommendations
- Audit & Risk Committee Charter and Work Plan
- Internal Audit Program Status Update
- Major Projects/incidents and Legal Proceedings
- Audit & Risk Committee Annual Report
- Election of the Audit & Risk Committee Chair
- Internal Audit Report Past Issues Review

The key recommendations from the Audit & Risk Committee is to refer these matters to Council for consideration and endorsement.

#### **MOTION**

## CRS WAYNE LIMBRICK / JULIE BROOKS

#### That Council:

- 1. Accepts the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 21 July 2022; and
- 2. Endorse the recommendations contained within the reports.

(CARRIED)

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FILE NO: F13/858/005

5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

**GOVERNANCE** 

ITEM NO: 11.2.3
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY MUSTICA)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

# PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE A SECTION OF ROAD RESERVE ALONGSIDE HAY AVENUE COBRAM

Mayor Libro Mustica left the room at 5.54pm and Deputy Mayor Peter Lawless resided as chair.

## **Executive Summary**

This report requests Council's authorisation for the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the proposal to:

- discontinue a parcel of road reserve alongside Hay Avenue Cobram, and
- sell a portion of land (triangle shaped parcel) to the adjoining land owner.

The legislated processes for council to discontinue a road and to sell public owned land requires council to seek community feedback on the proposal before making a decision to proceed or otherwise.

The community consultation process concluded on 22 July 2022 and Council did not receive any submissions on this proposal.

It is recommended Council proceed with this proposal to discontinue the road reserve and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sell the land by private treaty to the adjoining landholder for the price determined by an independent valuation in accordance with section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020.

#### **MOTION**

CRS ED COX / JOHN BEITZEL

## That Council:

- 1. Discontinue a parcel of road reserve alongside Hay Avenue Cobram; and
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sell the land to the adjoining landholder and to complete the associated contractual and administrative processes.

(CARRIED)

Cr Judy Heather abstained from voting.

Mayor Libro Mustica returned to the chair at 6.00pm.

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FILE NO: F13/503

5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.2.4
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER,
MARGARET HINCK)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

## **ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS FOR JULY 2022**

## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to detail the Assemblies of Councillors held in July 2022. These records provide transparency in councils decision making process, in line with Council's commitment to the principles for public transparency and Council's Public Transparency Policy.

## **MOTION**

CRS JOHN BEITZEL / PETER LAWLESS

That Council receive and note the record of Assemblies of Councillors for July 2022.

(CARRIED)

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FILE NO: XXX 5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE ITEM NO: 11.3.1
(COORDINATOR PLANNING, TRAVIS
BASHAM)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES,
JOSHUA LEWIS)

## **BUILDING SETBACK POLICY REVIEW**

## **Executive Summary**

The Building Setback Policy was last adopted in February 2017. The policy was adopted to determine appropriate building setbacks when none are specified in the Moira Planning Scheme and to ensure that development on Industrial and Commercial zoned land has regard to streetscape and general characteristics of the area.

A review of this policy has determined that it is no longer required as there are provisions under the zones and overlay schedules in the Moira Planning Scheme to address streetscape and neighborhood character matters as appropriate.

## **MOTION**

CRS PETER ELLIOTT / WAYNE LIMBRICK

That Council revoke the attached Building Setback Policy.

(CARRIED)

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FILE NO: F20/539

5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE

GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.3.2
(COORDINATOR PLANNING, TRAVIS
BASHAM)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES,
JOSHUA LEWIS)

## **MOIRA PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C93**

## **Executive Summary**

At its Scheduled Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Council resolved to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C93 to the Moira Planning Scheme.

Amendment C93 is broad reaching and seeks to fulfil Council's obligation to maintain the relevance of the Moira Planning Scheme. It does this by looking to implement the outcomes from volumes of strategic work previously undertaken and adopted by Council over the last 5 years.

In addition to the broad strategic updates proposed, Amendment C93 also includes a component that seeks to rezone land at Numurkah.

Ministerial Authorisation to prepare and exhibit the amendment, was granted on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The Amendment was placed on public exhibition from the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

A total of thirteen submissions were received. Six from members of the public and seven from referral authorities. All submissions were referred to Council and Council resolved to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an Independent Planning Panel to consider all submissions at its Ordinary Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Minister for Planning appointed a two-person Panel to hear and consider submissions in respect of Amendment C93.

The Panel Hearing is scheduled for the 30th August 2022.

In preparation for the Panel Hearing Officers have discovered that exhibition of the Amendment did not occur properly and in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. An error has occurred in that some properties affected by the proposed rezoning in Numurkah were not advised that the amendment affected their land.

Consequently it is recommended that Council advise the Panel that part of the amendment which seeks to rezone land in Numurkah from Farming Zone to Industrial 1 Zone and from Industrial 1 Zone to Farming Zone should not proceed.

The rest of the amendment should continue as it:

- Is soundly based.
- Responds to Council's obligation to ensure its strategy plans are current.
- Represents significant expenditure by Council and the State Government associated with Consultants Reports and large amounts of Officers time.

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FILE NO: F20/539

**5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE** 

**GOVERNANCE** 

ITEM NO: 11.3.2
(COORDINATOR PLANNING, TRAVIS
BASHAM)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES,
JOSHUA LEWIS)

## MOIRA PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C93 (cont'd)

#### MOTION

CRS WAYNE LIMBRICK / ED COX

#### That Council:

- 1. Advise the Independent Planning Panel that part of the amendment which seeks to rezone land in Numurkah from Farming Zone to Industrial 1 Zone and from Industrial 1 Zone to Farming Zone should not proceed.
- 2. Refer the late submission, and any others received in relation to the rezoning between now and the Panel Hearing, to the Independent Planning Panel.
- 3. Refer the submission from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to the Independent Planning Panel.

(CARRIED)

#### 11. OFFICER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

NIL

12. ACTION OFFICERS LIST

NIL

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

14. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

NIL

15. COUNCIL SEAL

NIL

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SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022

FILE NO: VARIOUS		ITEM NO:
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## **URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

This now concludes our Council meeting, for those watching via live stream and those attending in person, I would like to thank you for participating in our meeting.

Stay safe and good night.

Read by the Mayor

**MEETING CLOSE 6.05PM** 

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