

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 2017, COMMENCING AT 12.00PM.

**PRESENT:** Cr P J Harmon (Mayor) [Chairperson], Crs D F Baker, A A Michael, C M Dight, P A King, J N McCosker, S J Berryman, J A Watts and M J Peters.

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate & Economic Services (Ken Beddie) and Director Civil & Environmental Services (Brett McInnes).

**SECTION A**

**APOLOGIES S13.6.9/10**

Nil.

**SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS**

**1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT - ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
S13.1.1**

**~~NOTION~~** (Michael/Watts) that:

- i) the boundary alteration, as proposed by Armidale Regional Council, be supported;
- ii) any assets involved in the transfer, that have an undischarged liability, then the asset and liability be accepted by Inverell Shire Council;
- iii) Inverell Shire Council meet the costs associated with obtaining a 'metes and bounds' description for this area;
- iv) the Minister for Local Government be advised of the alternative proposal suggested by Inverell Shire Council; and
- v) if the proposed boundary adjustment proceeds, that Council authorise an amendment to the organisational structure to accommodate the four (4) staff positions domiciled at the Tingha Works Depot.

**1/17 AMENDMENT** (Peters/McCosker) that:

- i) *the boundary alteration, as proposed by Armidale Regional Council, not be supported as the proposed alteration is not considered to be an accurate representation of the Tingha community of interest;*
- ii) *the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall be requested to facilitate and Chair a meeting between Armidale Regional Council and Inverell Shire Council for the purpose of identifying a boundary line that reflects the Tingha community of interest; and*
- iii) *at an appropriate time, Council request the Minister for Local Government to consider Council's proposal for a boundary adjustment with Armidale Regional Council.*

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried. It then became the motion. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

2. **PROPOSED SPECIAL RATE VARIATION (SRV) APPLICATION TO IPART S25.11.3**

GM-A **2/17 RESOLVED** (Watts/Dight) that:

- i) Council receive and note the community feedback provided during the community engagement and public exhibition period of the Fit for the Future strategies;
- ii) Council lodge a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) application under Section 508A of the Local Government Act to IPART for an increase in the General Rates above the Rate Peg of three (3) 4.75% increases, totalling 14.25%, in the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20; and
- iii) the revised Long Term Financial Plan 2017-2027 and the Delivery Plan 2016-2020 be adopted.

C Peters asked that his vote against this resolution be recorded.

The General Manager tabled a letter from Mrs T Stokes regarding a telephone call received from a Councillor (all Councillors provided with a copy of the correspondence). The General Manager provided Councillors with an assurance that no personal information of a resident was released by Council staff. He highlighted that access to information held by Council was governed by the provision of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* and *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.34pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON