

# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



## **Special Meeting**

**Thursday 1 December 2022**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting  
held on Thursday 1 December 2022 at the Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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**1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:32am

*"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we acknowledge elders past, present and future."*

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner	via teleconference
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn	
	Cr DJ Bignell	
	Cr AJ Emslie	
	Cr TM Hatch	
	Cr TFB Smith	

**Officers**

Acting Chief Executive Officer	Mr Brett Walsh
Executive Office, Economic Development and Public Affairs	Mr Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors	Ms Calie McLachlan

**Public Gallery**

**Apologies**

Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety Manager	Ms Grace Jones
Acting Director of Corporate Services	Mrs Margaret Gatt
Director of Community and Cultural Services	Mrs Lisa Young
Director of Infrastructure Services	Mr Roger Naidoo
Chief Financial Officer	Mr David Wilson

**2 Consideration of Leave of Absence**

**3 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors**

**3.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EG, 150EH, 150EI, 150EJ, 150EK, 150EL and 150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the potential benefit or loss, and if applicable, provide the name of the related person and their relationship with them. They may not participate in a decision relating to the matter and must leave the meeting.

*No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.*

**3.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EN, 150EO, 150EP, 150EQ, 150ER, 150ES and 150ET of the Local Government Act 2009, a Councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the nature of the interest, if applicable, name of the related person, the relationship to them, and the nature of the interest, and/or the value and date of any gift received.

The Councillor may voluntarily leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter or;

Other Councillors may vote on this matter and decide if;

- (a) the Councillor must leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter; or
- (b) the Councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in a decision relating to the matter.

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**4 Councillor Requests**

**5 Notices of Motion**

**6 Petitions**

**7 Deputations**

**8 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

**8.1 Voting Method for Longreach Regional Council Councillor By-Election**

Consideration of submitting an application to the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, to allow for Postal Voting to occur in the Longreach Regional Council Councillor By-Election.

*(Res-2022-12-302)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council submits an application under section 45AA of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011, to the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, to allow for Postal Voting to occur in the Longreach Region for the Longreach Regional Council Councillor By-Election, due to there being a large rural sector as well as large areas of remoteness in the local government area consisting of 40,638 square kilometres.*

*CARRIED 6/0*

**9 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:42am

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed.

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Cr AC Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Acting Chief Executive Officer