

MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING
NORTHERN RIVERS
JOINT ORGANISATION
8 FEBRUARY 2019



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION
HELD IN THE TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUMBULGUM ST MURWILLUMBAH
ON FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 11.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Isaac Smith, Katie Milne; David Wright, Michael Lyon

Louise McMeeking, Dept of Premier and Cabinet;

Isabel Perdriau (NRJO Executive Officer) General Managers Troy Green, Vaughan MacDonald, Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Phil Rudd.

Cr Keith Williams (Rous Water), Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers)

Alex Smith (Commissioner, Coastal Regions NSW) - observer

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Simon Richardson, Byron Shire Council, Cr Robert Mustow, Richmond Valley Council, Ms Anita Gambhir, NSW Office of Local Government; Cr Peter Petty and Mr Terry Dodds, Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Virginia West, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Ms Shelly Oldham, Lismore City Council and Mr Paul Hickey, Ballina Shire Council.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau declared a conflict of interest for Items 5.2 and 5.3

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

The Tweed Aboriginal Advisory Committee provided a presentation to the Board on their 20 years of activity.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Meeting 2 November 2018

08022019/1 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Wright

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 2 November 2018 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau left the room at 11.07am during discussion of Items 5.2 and 5.3

5.2 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Extraordinary Meeting 7 December 2018

08022019/2 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Smith

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 7 December 2018 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

5.3 Confirmation of Circular Resolution – December 2018

08022019/3 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Smith

THAT the Board of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation note the decisions of the Circular Resolution dated December 2018.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau returned to the room at 11.08am

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

7. REPORTS

7.1 Executive Officer's Report

08022019/4 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lyon/ Cr Smith

THAT the Executive Officer's Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 Rous County Council Regional Water Related Projects

08022019/5 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Mulholland

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation receive and note the report.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.3 Safe and Secure Water Program – Regional Bulk Water Supply Strategy

08022019/6 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation:

- 1. Receive and note this report.*
- 2. Provide funding of \$27,500 (inclusive of a 10% contingency) for Rous County Council to lead and coordinate the development of a detailed application for the Safe and Secure Water Program, excluding interconnection between Tweed Shire Council and Rous County Council.*

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.4 Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative – proposal for submission to NSW Government's Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund

08022019/7 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation endorse the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative as a regionally significant priority project and seek suitable funding from State and Federal governments.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.5 Northern Rivers Rail Trail – Request for Letter of Support

Cr Milne left the room for this item at 12.14pm

08022019/8 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Smith/ Cr Wright

THAT The Northern Rivers Joint Organisation provide a letter of support for the development of the Northern Rives Rail Trail, noting that this does not preclude the return of rail-based public transport in this corridor in the future

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – Cr Smith, Cr Lyon, Cr Wright, Cr Mulholland

Cr Milne was absent for the vote

Cr Milne returned to the room at 12.15pm

7.6 Enquiry into petrol and fuel prices in the Northern Rivers of NSW

08022019/9 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Milne/ Cr Wright

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation support Ballina Shire Council and also make representations to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the relevant Federal Government Minister to request an enquiry into petrol and fuel prices in Ballina Shire and the Northern Rivers of NSW.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 Request for Associate Membership – Destination North Coast

08022019/10 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Smith/ Cr Wright

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation invite Destination North Coast to become an Associate Member and to provide a regular report of activities to Board meetings.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.8 Development of a JO Evaluation Framework

08022019/11 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Milne/Cr Smith

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation nominate Cr Danielle Mulholland to be the representative to participate in the design and development of the evaluation framework.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.9 NRJO Financial report to 31 January 2019

08022019/12 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Lyon/ Cr Wright

THAT the contents of the NRJO financial report for the period ending 31 January 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

8. URGENT BUSINESS

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

No confidential reports were received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

Meeting closed 12.19pm

Next meeting Friday 3 May 2019

Richmond Valley Council

Minutes approved

D Mulholland

Chair

