

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION
HELD IN THE RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WALKER ST, CASINO
ON FRIDAY 3 MAY 2019 AT 10.50AM**

ATTENDANCE

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Robert Mustow, Isaac Smith, Katie Milne;

Louise McMeeking, Dept of Premier and Cabinet; Anita Gambhir, Office of Local Government

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

Cr Keith Williams (Rous Water), Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers), Cameron Arnold and Michael Thurston (Destination North Coast)

Cr Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Simon Richardson and Cr Michael Lyon, Byron Shire Council; Cr David Wright, Ballina Shire Council; Mr Terry Dodds, Tenterfield Shire Council; Cr Virginia West, Scenic Rim Regional Council

Chris Gulaptis MP, Member for Clarence and Tamara Smith MP, Member for Ballina

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau declared conflict of interest for item 7.1.2

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

Ms Tamara Smith, MP, Member for Ballina was a late apology for the meeting but provided the following link to her plan for the community for consideration:

https://www.tamarasmith.com.au/tamaras_plan

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Meeting 8 February 2019

03052019/1 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/Cr Smith

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 8 February 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

03052019/2 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Mustow

THAT the NRJO request that the Honourable John Barilaro, Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade appoint an NRJO board member to the panel for the Snowy Hydro distribution of funds.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Discussion re representation from NRJO on advisory panel with Cr Smith nominating to be representative. Louise McMeeking advised that there was no Government structure for this as yet.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

7.1.1 Report from Country Mayors' Meeting

03052019/3 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Mustow

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau left the room for item 7.1.2

7.1.2 Executive Officer Performance Review Process

03052019/4 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith

THAT a Performance Review Committee comprising the Chair and two Board members be established, and the committee be convened in late 2019 to undertake a review.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Mulholland, Cr Smith and Cr Mustow nominated for review panel

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 Executive Officer's Report

03052019/5 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Mustow

THAT the Executive Officer's Report be received and noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

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

03052019/6 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Smith

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.4 Richmond Valley Council – Waste to Energy

03052019/7 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Smith

THAT the Joint Organisation:

- 1. notes the progress of the Northern Rivers Energy from Waste project and the opportunities it may provide for Councils in the Northern Rivers and surrounding areas;*

2. *continues to actively support Richmond Valley Council's development of this potential alternate waste treatment technology as a solution to the region's waste management challenges.*

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

Noted that the issue of sourcing adequate waste for viability would be addressed in the plan.
Cr Peter Petty Mayor Tenterfield Shire Council commended the initiative. He noted that major change is required from State Government and flagged that he would be meeting with EPA to discuss TSC waste to energy project.

Scott Turner, Manager Assets, Lismore City Council addressed the Board and answered questions about the project.

7.5 Northern Rivers Branding Project

03052019/8 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Mustow

THAT NRJO take part in this collaborative initiative and invest \$5,000 in the project.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.6 Future Northern Rivers

Presentation from Rod Harris of Newscorp

03052019/9 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Smith

THAT the request for financial support and involvement in the campaign be supported at the level of Superior Investment: \$10,000

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 Destination North Coast – Associate Member Report

03052019/10 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Mustow

THAT the report from Destination North Coast be received and noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.8 RDA Northern Rivers Associate Member Report

03052019/11 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Milne

THAT the report from RDA Northern Rivers be received and noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.9 Request for Associate Membership

03052019/12 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Mustow

THAT the request for Associate Membership be accepted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.10 Freight and Supply Chain Strategy

03052019/13 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Mustow

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation accept the Freight and Supply Chain Strategy report

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.11 Financial report to 31 March 2019

03052019/14 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne

THAT

1. *the contents of the NRJO financial report for the period ending 31 March 2019 be received and noted.*

Amendment to 2. Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Mustow

2. *the Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate with Summerland Credit Union to obtain their best interest rate for NRJO as an existing valued customer.*

Amendment: to include investigation of Bank Australia

2. *the Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate with Summerland Credit Union to obtain their best interest rate for NRJO as an existing valued customer and investigate Bank Australia.*

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.12 Financial forecast 20109-2020

03052019/15 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Smith

THAT the Forward Financial Plan as outlined be adopted, taking into account the notes as provided

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Cr Smith – Lismore City Council currently in discussion with Federal Government for City deal, intent to promote as a regional deal to include broader region.

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

No confidential reports were received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

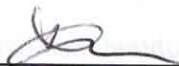
Correspondence was noted

Meeting closed 12.15pm

Next meeting Friday 2 August 2019

Byron Shire Council

Approved:



Cr D Mulholland

Chair