



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Thursday 9 May 2024
5.00pm
Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass

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Extraordinary Council Meeting - The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.03 pm.

Present

Councillors Allan McGrath, Mayor, in the chair, Jim Abbey, Cecil Burgess, Kristin Butler, Adrian Cameron, Jasmin Jones, C Pothan, Mike Reid and Kim Turner.

Also present were the Chief Executive Officer – Chris Berry, Director of Planning & Environment – Julie Rogers, Director of Infrastructure & Assets – Nathan Cooke and Corporate Planning & Executive Support Officer – Shirree Garland.

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Prayer

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures

4. Reports to Council

4.1 YASS WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE - FINAL BUSINESS CASE

SUMMARY

The Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is a challenging and very high priority project for Council. This report provides a summary of the Final Business Case prepared with the participation of stakeholders and by addressing the recommendations of independent review (Gateway-2) organised by the Department of Planning and Housing Infrastructure (DPHI). The full business case is included in the Closed Session of this meeting for endorsement by the Council.

RESOLVED that this item is classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(dii and f) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and matters affecting the security of Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

(Reid/Pothan) 99

FOR: Councillors J Abbey, C Burgess, K Butler, J Jones, A McGrath, C Pothan, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Councillor A Cameron

5. Confidential Matters

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 the following items on the agenda be classified as **CONFIDENTIAL** and considered in the Closed Meeting of Council in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act for the reasons as specified:

5.1 Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Final Business Case

Item 5.1 is confidential in accordance with section s10(A)(2)(dii) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and section s10(A)(2)(f) of the Local Government Act because it contains matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

(Jones/Pothan) 100

FOR: Councillors J Abbey, C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, J Jones, A McGrath, C Pothan, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

Closed Council commenced at 5.34 pm.

RESOLVED that the meeting move into Open Council.

(Reid/Turner) 101

FOR: Councillors J Abbey, C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, J Jones, A McGrath, C Pothan, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

Open Council resumed at 6.01 pm.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in Closed Council be adopted.

(Turner/Pothan) 102

FOR: Councillors J Abbey, C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, J Jones, A McGrath, C Pothan, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

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RESOLVED that :

- 1. The Final Business Case for the Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade be endorsed.**
- 2. Council endorses the Final Business Case list of documents to be released to the public other than those:**
 - **Being commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council**
 - **Matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.**
- 3. In the absence of any significant grant funding Council commits to the financing of the deficit to implement the project through loans and/or equity.**
- 4. Additional grants be sought to lessen the impact on the water supply customers.**

(Jones/Butler) 103

FOR: Councillors J Abbey, C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, J Jones, A McGrath, C Pothan, M Reid and K Turner

AGAINST: Nil

The meeting closed at 6.02 p.m.