



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday, 17 November 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Councillors:** Cr Biscotti (Chair)  
Cr Harrison – via Zoom  
Cr Hicks – via Zoom  
Cr Marshall – via Zoom  
Cr Schweikert  
Cr Taylor  
Cr Winchester – via Zoom

**Staff:** P Tegart, CEO  
M Thompson, Portfolio General Manager Natural & Built Character  
P Hansen, Portfolio General Manager Community Connections  
J Richards, Portfolio General Manager Community Choice

### **1. OPENING**

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land upon which the meeting was held.

### **3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

356/21

#### **RESOLVED (Taylor/Schweikert)**

That apologies for non-attendance from Crs Overall and Noveska be received and that leave of absence be granted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

357/21

**RESOLVED (Taylor/Schweikert)**

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

There were no disclosures.

**5. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 6.01pm, Cr Biscotti advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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**RESOLVED (Schweikert/Taylor)**

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 6.01pm and resumed at 6.02pm.

**6. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION**

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Biscotti advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Biscotti then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

**7. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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**RESOLVED (Taylor/Schweikert)**

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

**Item 7.1 Bungendore Property - Legal Matter**

*Item 7.1 is confidential in accordance with s10 A (2) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.02pm to discuss the matters listed above.

**7.1 Bungendore Property - Legal Matter**

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**RESOLVED (Schweikert/Taylor)**

That Council:

1. Authorise the actions 'a-c' as listed in the report.
2. Advise the lawyers of Council's position on the offer.

For: Crs Biscotti, Hicks, Taylor and Schweikert

Against: Crs Harrison, Marshall and Winchester

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**RESOLVED (Taylor/Schweikert)**

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.31pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, the Deputy Mayor then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

**8. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The time being 6.32pm, the Deputy Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR TIM OVERALL  
MAYOR  
CHAIRPERSON**