



**NORTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL**

# **MINUTES**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2021**



MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Northern Midlands Council held on 29 November 2021 at 5.02pm in person at the Council Chambers, 13 Smith Street, Longford and via ZOOM video conferencing platform in accordance with the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*, Section 18 (authorisation for meetings not to be held in person)

## **1 ATTENDANCE**

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Deputy Mayor Richard Goss, Cr Dick Adams OAM (via Zoom from 5.04pm), Cr Matthew Brooks, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Jan Davis, Cr Ian Goninon, Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Michael Polley AM

### **In Attendance**

Miss Maree Bricknell - Corporate Services Manager, Mr Leigh McCullagh - Works Manager, Mr Paul Godier - Senior Planner, Mrs Gail Eacher - Executive Assistant

### **Guest**

Mr Nathan Street - Senior Associate, Simmons Wolfhagen Lawyers

### **APOLOGIES**

Mr Des Jennings - General Manager



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### 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present and emerging.

### 4 DECLARATIONS OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST OF A COUNCILLOR OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

As per the *Local Government Act 1993, Part 5 - Pecuniary Interests, section 48*:

- (1) *A councillor must not participate at any meeting of a council, council committee, special committee, controlling authority, single authority or joint authority in any discussion, nor vote on any matter, in respect of which the councillor–*
  - (a) *has an interest; or*
  - (b) *is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.*
- (2) *A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.*

No declarations of interest were received.



## 5 ITEMS FOR THE CLOSED MEETING

Item	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
Legal Issue - Planning Appeal	15(2)(i)
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### *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Part 2 - Meetings*

- (a) *personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters;*
- (b) *information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;*
- (c) *commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to -*
  - (i) *prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or*
  - (ii) *confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or*
  - (iii) *reveal a trade secret.*
- (d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal;*
- (e) *the security of -*
  - (i) *the council, councillors and council staff; or*
  - (ii) *the property of the council.*
- (f) *proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land;*
- (g) *information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential;*
- (h) *applications by councillors for a leave of absence;*
- (i) *matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council;*
- (j) *the personal hardship of any person who is a resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area.*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council move into the “Closed Meeting” with the General Manager, Corporate Services Manager, Works Manager, Senior Planner and Executive Assistant to discuss Closed Council Items.

### **MINUTE NO. 21/469**

#### DECISION

Cr Lambert/Deputy Mayor Goss

That Council move into the “Closed Meeting” with the Corporate Services Manager, Works Manager, Senior Planner, Executive Assistant and Guest, Mr Nathan Street, to discuss Closed Council Items.

Carried Unanimously



## 6 CLOSURE

### MINUTE NO. 21/472

#### DECISION

Cr Goninon/Cr Lambert

That Council move out of the "Closed Meeting".

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Knowles closed the meeting at 6.03pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_