



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Meeting

7 November 2017



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council
held in the Council Chambers on 7 November 2017 at 3.30pm**

PRESENT: Councillors RL Donald OAM, (in the Chair), WG Deacon, JL Douglas, AJ Elias, GRJ Neill and KM Ryan.

Also present were Mr Derek Francis (General Manager), Mr Graeme Bourke (Manager of Engineering Services), Mrs Debb Wood (Manager, People and Community Services), Mrs Stephanie Waterhouse (Manager, Finance and Corporate Services), and Mrs Cathy Ellison (Executive Assistant).

Also attending the meeting – Mr Mike Brearley, Consultant assisting Council, Mr Warwick Brown, Projector Advisor on behalf of the Department of Industry, Mr Bruce Whitehill, Consultant assisting the Department of Industry and Mr Ian Smith, Director of Regional Operations for the Office of Regional Development.

340/2017 **RESOLVED** that the apologies received from Councillor VJ Boag, Councillor VJ Dutton and Councillor GN Jackson be received and they be granted leave of absence from the meeting. **(Ryan/Deacon)**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil

The Mayor extended a welcome to the visitors.

REPORT TO THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1 ALBERT PRIEST PIPELINE GRANT

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of recent developments relating to the Albert Priest Channel Pipeline and Storage 1B, and to confirm Council's policy position. To date, Council has not supported a grant application to construct the pipeline. An Expression of Interest for Commonwealth funding was lodged by the NSW Government on 21 September 2017. The matter is urgent as Council has been informed that the window for the corresponding State Government funding approvals is about to close for 2017.

Mr Brearley and Mr Brown provided a power point presentation to the meeting.

341/2017 **RESOLVED** that Council recognises the importance of regional development in Shires like ours, but is not in a position to consider support in principle for the piping of the Albert Priest Channel until we can consult our community of water users (town users, stock and domestic, irrigators, and mining) with accurate information about future water charges.

Letter to the Deputy Premier to include the following points:-

1. Assurance that the State Government will completely fund the cost of the pipeline and all other associated infrastructure costs (pumps, electricity, depreciation.)
2. Deliver the water from the pipeline in the existing weir pools.
3. Ensure the water savings from piping the Channel are available for Bogan and Cobar Shires.
4. Bogan Shire Council to operate the pipeline.
5. Retention of the ability for town water to be traded.
6. The cost of depreciation will not be imposed on water users.
7. Council to approve the project before going to tender, which will include community consultation. **(Ryan/Neill) Unanimous**

Comment: A draft letter to be made to Councillors for comment.



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There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by resolution at a meeting held on and
were signed as a true record.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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MAYOR

