



Bogan Shire Council

Minutes

Extraordinary Meeting

10 November 2022



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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council
Held on Thursday 10 November 2022 at 5.30pm**

PRESENT: Councillors GRJ Neill (in the Chair), KJ Bright, WG Deacon, JL Douglas, AJ Elias, GN Jackson, DJ Menzies, R Milligan.

Also present were Mr Derek Francis (General Manager), Mr Graeme Bourke (Director of Engineering Services), and Mrs Melissa Salter (Executive Officer).

APOLOGIES: Cllr V J Boag – Due to pecuniary interest in matter for discussion

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

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**REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER’S
REPORT**

1 MACQUARIE–CASTLEREAGH REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a response to the draft Macquarie–Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy

270/2022 RESOLVED that:

1. The General Manager makes a formal submission on behalf of Council to the draft Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy.
2. Council’s submission incorporates the following:
 - a. That Council does not support Action 2.2 - Create water savings through changed operation of regulated effluent creeks on the grounds that it will have a detrimental effect on landowners along the creeks and on the environment
 - b. That Council strongly supports that part of Action 2.3 being “Use some of the flood mitigation storage in Burrendong Dam for water supply”.
 - c. That, in relation to the proposed Dubbo to Nyngan pipeline, Council draws the NSW Government’s attention to the Report – Nyngan Cobar Water Security: Economic Assessment of Options (August 2018) and to resolutions 341/2017 and 019/2018 which state:
 - **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.



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7. Council to approve the project before going to tender, which will include community consultation. **(Ryan/Neill) Unanimous**
- **019/2018 RESOLVED** that Council strongly request that a second storage be funded and proceed, based on its earlier resolution (September 2017) that off-river storages are solutions to the long-term water security needs of Bogan Shire and Cobar Shire. **(Neill/Jackson) Unanimous**

(Jackson/Elias) Carried Unanimous

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.08pm.

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

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GENERAL MANAGER

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MAYOR