

# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



## **Special Meeting**

**Monday 7 March 2022**

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**



**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting  
held on Monday 7 March 2022 at the Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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**1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.30am.

*"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we acknowledge elders past, present and emerging."*

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner (*via visual audio link*)

Cr LJ Nunn (*via visual audio link*)

Cr DJ Bignell (*via visual audio link*)

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr TM Hatch

Cr TJ Martin (*via visual audio link*)

Cr TFB Smith

**Officers**

Acting Director of Corporate Services

Ms Grace Jones

Executive Officer, Economic Development and  
Public Affairs

Mr Simon Kuttner

Executive Officer Governance and Special Projects

Mrs Kimberley Dillon

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,  
Mayor and Councillors

Ms Corinne Ballard

**Public Gallery**

*Nil*

**Apologies**

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Mitchell Murphy

**2 Participation in Meetings by Audio Link or Visual Audio Link**

In accordance with section 254K of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the following persons participated in the meeting by audio link or visual audio link:

- a) Mayor, Cr Anthony Rayner;
- b) Deputy Mayor, Cr Leonie Nunn;
- c) Cr Dale Bignell; and
- d) Cr Tony Martin.

**3 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors and Senior Council Officers**

**3.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EG, 150EH, 150EI, 150EJ, 150EK, 150EL and 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the potential benefit or loss, and if applicable, provide the name of the related person and their relationship with them. They may not participate in a decision relating to the matter and must leave the meeting.

*No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.*

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**3.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EN, 150EO, 150EP, 150EQ, 150ER, 150ES and 150ET of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the nature of the interest, if applicable, name of the related person, the relationship to them, and the nature of the interest, and/or the value and date of any gift received.

The Councillor may voluntarily leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter or;

Other Councillors may vote on this matter and decide if;

- (a) the Councillor must leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter;  
or
- (b) the Councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in a decision relating to the matter.

**Item 4** The Mayor advised that Mr Mitchell Murphy, Chief Executive Officer has a Declarable Interest in Item 4 – Appointment of Recruitment Firm for Chief Executive Officer Replacement. The nature of the interest is the recommended recruiting firm ran the recruitment process for the CEO's recent appointment to Hunters Hill Council in NSW. This advice was received in writing prior to the meeting.

**4 Appointment of Recruitment Firm for Chief Executive Officer Replacement**

Consideration of the appointment of a recruiting firm to undertake the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer.

***Recommendation:***

*M: Cr Martin*

*That Blackadder Associates be engaged to provide recruiting services for the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.*

*LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER*

*(Res-2022-03-259)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Peak Services be engaged to provide recruiting services for the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.*

*CARRIED*

*Voting; 6/1*

***Reason for Amended Recommendation:***

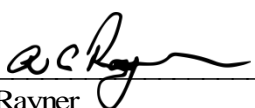
*Councillors rated the experience of Peak Services as being higher than the value reflected in the officer evaluation, based on prior experience with the organisation at Longreach Regional Council.*

**5 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.10am.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are confirmed.

  
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Cr AC Rayner  
Mayor

  
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Scott Mason  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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