



**Minutes from meeting of:  
SPECIAL COUNCIL**

**Held  
Tuesday 29 May 2007  
4.00pm  
Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn**

**VISION**

*A sustainable vibrant community protecting, enhancing and enjoying Goulburn Mulwaree's rich social, environmental and economic heritage.*

**Mission**

*To serve the Community*

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#### **Present**

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His Worship the Mayor – Cr P Stephenson, Cr O’Neill, Cr R Craig, Cr M Eddy, Cr D Sturgiss, Cr K Sullivan, Cr Harris & Cr Hadlow.

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#### **Also Present**

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Acting General Manager (Mr C Berry), Director Engineering Services (Mr P Hansen), Director Corporate Services (Mr D Holwerda), Engineering Accounts Officer (Ms K Newton) & Finance and Administration Officer (Mr C Lambert)

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#### **Opening Prayer**

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Read by Cr Harris.

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#### **Apologies**

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An apology was received for the absence of Crs Lamarra & General Manager (Mr L Johnson).

#### **Resolved 07/278**

**Cr Harris/Cr Craig**

*That the apologies be received and leave of absence granted to Crs Lamarra & General Manager (Mr L Johnson).*

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#### **Disclosure of Interest**

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Nil

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#### **Mayoral Minute - Emergency Pipeline - Part 3A Planning Assessment Request**

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As Councillors are aware, under existing usage and rainfall patterns, an emergency water supply is likely to be required by May 2008.

Council and the Premier's Taskforce have been working together to ensure an additional supply can be achieved within this timeframe by developing an accelerated program for the project (subject to Council's approval to proceed).

The preferred option, an emergency pipeline to Wingecarribee Reservoir, is reported in the Agenda for this Special Council meeting.

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One critical element of achieving the required time-frame is to utilise the provisions of Part 3A (Critical Infrastructure) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

Given the critical importance of timing in relation to this project, I have exercised my powers under Section 226 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and written to the Minister requesting the matter be called in. A copy of the letter is attached.

Importantly, this does not commit Council to the project, however it does save critical time, in the event that Council resolves to proceed.

### **Recommendation**

That the Mayor's actions be endorsed.

**Resolved 07/279**

**Cr Sullivan/Cr Craig**

*That the Mayor's actions be endorsed.*

## **Executive Services Report**

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### **Item 1 2007/2008 Management Plan (Attachment)**

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#### **Reporting Officers**

General Manager – Luke Johnson  
Director Corporate Services – Dirk Holwerda  
Director Engineering Services – Phil Hansen  
Director Planning & Community Services – Chris Berry

#### **Purpose of Report**

To present the Draft 2007/08 Management Plan to Council for consideration

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the draft 2006/07 Management Plan, including the following key decisions:

- Capital Works focus on asset renewal rather than new asset creation (excepting DCP Works and the Emergency Water Pipeline)
- Agreement to the Capital Works program and the rationale for the prioritization underpinning it
- Proposed borrowings of \$12.85m (including \$10m for the emergency water supply project)
- Provision of \$50,000 each from Water and Sewerage Funds for asset management planning
- No change to existing rating structures
- Absorption of the former amount designated for storm-water into the General Rate.
- Application of the maximum amount of the general rate increase allowed under rate capping (3.4%)
- An increase of 10% for water revenue for both the availability and usage fees and charges and 10% for sewerage revenue from fees and charges
- An additional charge, dependent on meter size (\$75 for most ordinary households) for funding the servicing of a loan for Council's share of the emergency water pipeline
- Incorporation of a per tenement charge for sewerage provision to flats, units and independent living units (at 50% the residential charge)
- Maintenance of existing staffing levels subject to the inclusion of one position under the revised Organisation Structure (resolved 15 May 2007)
- Agreement to the proposed Fees and Charges
- Express recognition of the Projects/Services unable to be included

be adopted for public exhibition.

2. That Council hold a community meeting as part of the submission period for this Management Plan to inform the public of Council's initiatives and provide

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information on Council's proposal and that the appropriate State Government experts be in the meeting.

### **Resolved 07/280**

**Cr Sullivan/Cr Craig**

*1. That the draft 2006/07 Management Plan, including the following key decisions:*

- *Capital Works focus on asset renewal rather than new asset creation (excepting DCP Works and the Emergency Water Pipeline)*
- *Agreement to the Capital Works program and the rationale for the prioritization underpinning it*
- *Proposed borrowings of \$12.85m (including \$10m for the emergency water supply project)*
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**Item 2 Closed Council**

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**Reporting Officer**

General Manager – Luke Johnson

**Purpose of Report**

To consider moving into Closed Council.

The following confidential reports have been distributed separately:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Report</b>
<i>Planning &amp; Community Services</i>	<i>Item 1 – CBD Master Plan Steering Committee Minutes</i>

**Recommendation**

That Council move into Closed Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993 to consider the following matter:

**Planning & Community Services**

**Item 1 CBD Master Plan Steering Committee**

Section 10 A (2)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

**Purpose of Report –**

To provide CBD Master Plan Steering Committee Minutes which include Expressions of Interest for the development of a master plan for the Goulburn CBD.

This matter is referred for discussion in closed session due to commercial-in-confidence requirements.

**Resolved 07/281**

**Cr Hadlow/ Cr Harris**

*That Council move into Closed Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993 to consider the following matter:*

*Item 1 CBD Master Plan Steering Committee*

*Section 10 A (2)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*

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**Closed Council**

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**Resolved 07/282** **Cr Hadlow/Cr Harris**  
*That Council resolve into Closed Council and close the meeting to the press and public to discuss confidential matters referred to in the Business Paper.*

*The items listed in Executive report Item 2 where discussed.*

**Resolved 07/283** **Cr Hadlow / Eddy**

**That Council Resume in Open Session**

*The resolutions of the closed session meeting as highlighted in Executive Report Item 2 where:*

That the minutes of the CBD Master Plan Steering Committee held on 22 May 2007 be approved by Council.

**Resolved 07/283** **Cr Harris/Cr Eddy**

*That the minutes of the CBD Master Plan Steering Committee held on 22 May 2007 be approved by Council.  
Meeting closed at 5.10pm.*

The minutes were confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 June 2007 at which this signature was endorsed.

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Cr Paul Stephenson  
Mayor

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Mr Luke Johnson  
General Manager