



**Minutes from meeting of:
SPECIAL COUNCIL**

**Held
Tuesday 30 September 2008
6.50pm
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

Cr Banfield, Cr Dillon, Cr Hadlow, Cr James, Cr Kirk, Cr O'Neill, Cr Penning, Cr Sturgiss, Cr Woodman.

Also Present

Mayor (Cr P Stephenson), General Manager (Mr L Johnson), Director Engineering Services (Mr P Hansen), Director Corporate Services (Mr D Holwerda), Director Planning & Community Services (Mr C Berry) Public Relations Officer (Mr P Oliver), Public Relations Coordinator (Ms T Riley), Corporate Governance Coordinator (Ms S Blay) & Executive Assistant to Corporate Services (Miss A Croke).

Opening Prayer

Read by Cr Hadlow.

Apologies

Nil

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

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Rescission Motion

MOTION

TO RESCIND RESOLUTION item 5 & Item 9 of Engineering Service Report to the Ordinary Meeting on 19th August, 2008.

The reason for the Rescission motion is as following.

1. That all work on Highland Source Project be discontinued until ^{30/9/08} ~~30/09/08~~ for the new Council have their input.
2. Project Officer Expression be left on the Table for further discussion with the New Council
3. That General Manager write to the Minister Penny Wong and ask for her input into Independent person for this Independent review which was carried by all Councillors. On 17th June, 2008.

Margaret J. O'Neill
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Tom Hancock
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[Signature]
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DATED 19TH August, 2008

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From memory when Council officers last reported to Council they advised Council that they intended to call either registrations of interest or tenders for Project Management.

In fact they have sought registration of interest for both Project Management and for Design, That is they have got approval for one activity and have gone out to the market for two, this has occurred without advising Council and without the consent of Council.

On these projects there are a number of management models. one is to have a Project Manager and then to go through a selection process for sub consultants such as design, geotechnical, flora and fauna etc. Another is to go to the one firm for all disciplines.

Usually the decision on the procurement plan is critical to the project success, it is built on a risk allocation matrix.

The officers will now seek to call tenders from a short list. The real question is:

What is the scope of work for that task and what are the contract conditions proposed. These items will be tender documents issued by Council officers.

What risk will these conditions impose on Council, Has the Council been briefed and do they accept the terms of the contract. Remember that it is very difficult for the Proprietor to change the terms after the tenders have closed.

What external assistance is Council staff employing to assist in the evaluation of both the Registration of Interest and the Tenders.

Cr Hadlow formally moved the following, Seconded by Cr O'Neill.

That:

- 1. All work on the Highland Source Project be discontinued to 30 September 2008 for the new Council to have there input.**
- 2. Project Officer Expressions be left on the table for further discussion with the new Council**
- 3. The General Manager write to the Minister, Penny Wong, and ask for her input into an independent person for an independent review which was carried by all Councillors on 17 June 2008.**

Resolved 08/615

Cr Hadlow/Cr O'Neill

That the following points raised by Cr Penning be considered as a matter of urgency.

That Council alter the motion to rescind Council resolution 08/599 by adding:

- 4. Work by Council on the Highland Source Project to be put on hold until Council has an up to date independent estimate cost of the project. Meanwhile, Council work will concentrate on the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan. The many components of the IWCM Plan (that could include a pipeline) must be brought together and the plan completed to comply with rules set by the State & Federal Governments for Council to secure the promised appropriate infrastructure funding.**
- 5. Expressions of Interest for the HSP are to be left on the table until otherwise directed by Council.**
- 6. Council engages an independent, qualified and experienced party to provide up to date, cost and benefit estimates of the HSP and the Pejar Pipeline Project. These estimates are to be funded from a portion of the \$1.9M included in the**

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2008/2009 Management Plan set aside for the design and preconstruction of the HSP. These up to date estimates of the HSP and the PPP are to be funded to the estimated value of \$190,000. The independent party to provide these estimates is to be engaged within 30 days.

7. When Council engages that party, Councillors will meet with that party to discuss the working brief.
8. The “water for our kids” branding of the HSP is to be discontinued.

The Mayor ruled the matter as one of urgency.

The mover and seconder of the original motion agreed to incorporate the additions.

Resolved 08/616

Cr Hadlow/Cr O’Neill

The Motion was put and carried unanimously.

Urgent Business

Cr Penning sought leave of the Council to consider a Welcome to Country ceremony as a matter of urgency.

Resolved 08/617

Cr Penning/Cr Kirk

That Council consider a Welcome to Country ceremony as a matter of urgency.

The Mayor ruled the matter be considered as a matter of urgency.

Resolved 08/618

Cr Penning/Cr Kirk

That a Welcome to Country ceremony with the local Indigenous Community be arranged for the new Council.#

Task List

Responsible Directorate	Responsible Officer	Item No	Task
Executive Services	General Manager	<i>Recission Motion</i>	Discontinue all work on Highland Source Project
			Defer consideration of EOI process for Highland Source Project
			Write to Minister Wong seeking input into independent review into Highland Source Project
			Concentrate on completing Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan
			Engage independent consultant, within 30 days to provide updated cost and benefits estimates for Highland Source Project and Pejar Pipeline Projects

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			Arrange for budget review to reallocate a \$190,000 from Highland Source Project planning and design to independent review
			Arrange meeting with independent reviewer and Council to discuss the working brief
			Discontinue “water for our kids” branding
		<i>Urgent Business</i>	Arrange “Welcome to Country” ceremony

Meeting closed at 7.28pm.

These minutes will be confirmed at the ordinary meeting of Council on 21 October 2008.

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 Cr Carol James
Mayor

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 Mr Luke Johnson
General Manager