

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday 1 May 2017

Council Chambers



John Brown
General Manager
Break O'Day Council
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SCM05/17.1.0 ATTENDANCE

SCM05/17.1.1 Present

Mayor Mick Tucker
Deputy Mayor John McGiveron
Councillor Margaret Osborne OAM
Councillor Barry LeFevre
Councillor Glenn McGuinness
Councillor Hannah Rubenach-Quinn
Councillor John Tucker
Councillor Kylie Wright
Councillor Janet Drummond

SCM05/17.1.2 Apologies

Nil

SCM05/17.1.3 Leave of Absence

SCM05/17.1.4 Staff in Attendance

Manager Corporate Services, Bob Hoogland
Records Officer, Carol Joyce
Communications Coordinator, Jayne Richardson
Works Supervisor, Wayne Polden
Building Services Coordinator, Jake Ihnen

SCM05/17.2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil people in the gallery.

In accordance with Section 31(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 the following questions were submitted in writing prior to the Council Meeting.

SCM05/17.3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OF A COUNCILLOR OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

Section 48 or 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a Councillor or Officer who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council Meeting that will be attended by the Councillor or Officer must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the General Manager before the meeting; or at the meeting before the matter is discussed.

A Councillor or Officer who makes a disclosure under Section 48 or 55 must not preside at the part of the meeting relating to the matter; or participate in; or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter, unless allowed by the Council.

Councillor John Tucker declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest.

SCM05/17.4.0 GOVERNANCE

SCM05/17.4.1 TasWater

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

None provided, for discussion and decision.

INTRODUCTION:

The State Government continues to strongly advocate the need to take control of TasWater to expedite a capital works program to address what it has called a 'crisis' which needs to be fixed despite clear information to the contrary from a range of other sources. Given the forthcoming LGAT meeting to discuss the matter, it is necessary for Council to take a formal position on the matter.

DISCUSSION:

- The Mayor asked if any information had been received by Council from the Premier or Treasurer, since the preparation of the Agenda. The Manager Corporate Services confirmed that no such information had been received.
- Clr McGuinness stated he was very concerned about losing the funding for an asset that Council did own and still owns as a shareholder. If taken over there is no certainty of any returns to Council.
- Clr McGiveron stated full support for the motion to not support State Government control. Attended a meeting recently where the Treasurer was presenting and was not impressed with what he said. The Treasurer referred to TasWater reports of sewerage overflows compared to Victorian reports and this is not like for like. To reduce the time taken to address the infrastructure backlog by one year, the debt burden increases from \$900 million in the TasWater scenario to over \$1.5 billion on the state government scenario. The debt repayments will need to be met by someone, ratepayers or tax payers.
- Clr Wright also supported and stated this is leading to a three (3) way attack on Local Government – TasWater, Local Government Reform and the state wide planning scheme - and could lead to forced amalgamations.

COUNCIL DECISION:

That the Break O'Day Council not support the State Government's proposal to take control of TasWater for the following reasons:

1. The lack of adequate and appropriate information being made available.
2. The uncertainty that the dividend guarantees of the State Government will actually be honoured by the State Government or future State Governments.
3. Concerns regarding the future viability of TasWater under the State Government proposal.
4. It does not appear to be in the best interests of the Break O'Day community.

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Moved: Clr G McGuinness/ Seconded: Clr J McGiveron

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Tucker thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.36am.

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MAYOR

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DATE