



# EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

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Date of meeting: 17 May 2023

Location: Audio-Visual Link

Members of the Public may attend in person at the  
Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre  
300 George Street, WINDSOR

Time: 6:30 PM

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### **1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

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#### **Welcome**

The Mayor, Councillor Sarah McMahon will acknowledge the Indigenous Heritage.

The General Manager will address the Council meeting, mentioning:

- Emergency Procedures
- Recording of the Council Meeting
- Statement regarding people addressing the Meeting
- Mobile phones

#### **Attendance**

Attending Councillors and Council staff members will be noted for the purposes of the Minutes.

#### **Statement of Ethical Obligations**

On 11 January 2022 in accordance with Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, Councillors took an oath or made an affirmation of office to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Hawkesbury City Council Local Government Area and the Hawkesbury City Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in Councillors under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

Council's Code of Conduct requires Councillors to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

#### **Apologies and Leave of Absence**

The Mayor will ask for any Apologies or Leave of Absence Requests to be noted.

#### **Declaration of Interest**

The Mayor will ask for any Declaration of Interests from the attending Councillors. These will then be addressed at the relevant item.

#### **Acknowledgement of Official Visitors to the Council**

The Mayor will acknowledge and welcome official visitors to the Council and make any relevant presentations as required.

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**6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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**6.1.1. NM – Natural Environment and Rural Boundary Clearing Code - (125612)**

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**Submitted by:** Councillor Lyons-Buckett

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

That Council:

1. Request a report clarifying immediate actions (and approximate costs) which can be taken by Council through compliance, education and advice to landowners, to prevent threats to our natural environment and specifically, wildlife habitats, from land clearing and tree removal.
2. Within that report include the number of complaints received about removal of vegetation in the Hawkesbury LGA including the suburb where clearing occurred. Data to include how many times the justification of clearing was attributed to the Rural Boundary Clearing Code.
3. Update Councillors and the public on the progress of the Resolution of 8 February 2022 which called for a report on the methodology and funding available to map our koala populations and how this information could be used to protect them; and
4. Write to The Hon. Penny Sharpe, Minister for the Environment requesting advice on a date for when the review of Division 9, Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW) as outlined in s100S to determine whether the policy objectives of the Division remain valid, will be undertaken and within that review:
  - a) Consideration of the introduction of further provisions or guidelines to ensure correlation between vegetation removal and fire risk.
  - b) Consideration of altering the eligibility criteria to align with bushfire risk rather than application via rural zoning.
  - c) Request input from Local Government Areas subject to the Rural Boundary Clearing Code and those who have opted into the Code, including data relating to use of resources to investigate complaints, and capacity to enforce the Rural Boundary Clearing Code in the future.
  - d) Investigate and report on the extent of land currently eligible to be cleared which does not have koala or wildlife habitat mapping available for reference for Councils and landowners.

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# End of Business Paper

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