



Extraordinary Meeting

Date of meeting: 17 February 2022
Location: By audio-visual link
Time: 6:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held by Audio-Visual Link, on 17 February 2022, commencing at 6pm.

Welcome

The Mayor, Councillor Patrick Conolly acknowledged the Indigenous Heritage.

The General Manager addressed the Council meeting, mentioning:

- Recording of the Council Meeting
- Statement regarding people addressing the Meeting

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor Patrick Conolly, Mayor, Councillor Barry Calvert, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Shane Djuric, Eddie Dogramaci, Amanda Kotlash, Mary Lyons-Buckett, Jill Reardon, Sarah Richards, Les Sheather, Paul Veigel, Danielle Wheeler and Nathan Zamprognio.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Elizabeth Richardson, Director City Planning - Linda Perrine, Director Infrastructure Services - Will Barton, Director Support Services - Laurie Mifsud, Manager Corporate Communications, Events and Services - Suzanne Stuart, Manager Strategic Planning - Andrew Kearns, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Charles McElroy and Administrative Support Coordinator - Tracey Easterbrook.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence received from Councillors.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

Acknowledgement of Official Visitors to the Council

There were no official visitors to the Council.

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SECTION 5 – Notices of Motion

Item: 033 **RM - Rural Boundary Clearing Code - (95498, 125612, 138882, 138884)**

Mr Morgan Philpott, Mr Stuart McKinlay, Mr Ross McKinlay and Mr Bill Shields addressed Council, speaking for the recommendation in the business paper.

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

That resolution 22 from the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 January 2022, being the substantive motion from Item 017, Rural Boundary Clearing Code, be rescinded.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Zamprogno.

That:

1. Resolution 22 from the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 January 2022, being the substantive motion from Item 017, Rural Boundary Clearing Code, be rescinded.
2. Council engage in consultation to inform the decision on whether or not Council should opt in to the Rural Boundary Clearing Code. Those stakeholders should include the RFS and RFS personnel, environmental groups, WIRES, Indigenous groups, National Parks, affected property owners and bushfire management experts.
3. Council receive a report by July 2022 which includes the following:
 - a) The results of this consultation.
 - b) Advice about what other peri-urban Councils have chosen to do, ie opt in or not, and their reasoning.
 - c) Council's responsibility and the additional resourcing required for Council to:
 - i. Provide landowners guidance on proposed land-clearing activities
 - ii. Provide an adequate compliance and enforcement regime.
 - d) Advice concerning what geospatial mapping tools Council possesses to measure tree coverage across the Local Government Area, changes to tree coverage over time, and reports on the merits of acquiring those tools if we do not have them.
 - e) Advice that details the overlap of koala habitat with affected rural zones and the adequacy of mapping and population information in these areas.
4. Council request that the Rural Fire Service make available the Rural Boundary Mapping Tool to Council and Hawkesbury Rural Fire Service personnel to evaluate the impact of the Boundary Clearing Code on particular areas.
5. Council receive advice on what funding is available for the Hawkesbury LGA under the recently announced \$50 million dollar Federal funding for koala recovery and if that funding can be used by Council for mapping and habitat management in rural zones.
6. Council receive advice on what additional Federal bushfire recovery funding is available and whether this funding could be used by Council for mapping, habitat and asset protection.
7. Council ensure Council's Emergency Management Committee receives a briefing regarding the Grose-Wollemi Strategic Fire Plan within the next three months.

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The Mayor, Councillor Conolly ruled the Amendment out of order.

A MOTION OF DISSENT was moved by Councillor Zamprogno.

That a Motion of Dissent be moved regarding the ruling of the Chairperson, Councillor Conolly on the Amendment being ruled out of order.

For the Motion: Councillors Djuric, Lyons-Buckett, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

Against the Motion: Councillors Conolly, Calvert, Dogramaci, Kotlash, Reardon, Richards, Sheather and Veigel.

Absent: Nil.

The Motion of Dissent was lost.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was raised by Councillor Veigel.

That the Motion be put.

For the Motion: Councillors Conolly, Dogramaci, Reardon, Richards, Sheather and Veigel.

Against the Motion: Councillors Calvert, Djuric, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

Absent: Nil.

The Motion was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor, Councillor Conolly.

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

That resolution 22 from the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 January 2022, being the substantive motion from Item 017, Rural Boundary Clearing Code, be rescinded.

For the Motion: Councillors Calvert, Djuric, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

Against the Motion: Councillors Conolly, Dogramaci, Reardon, Richards, Sheather and Veigel.

Absent: Nil.

The Motion was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor, Councillor Conolly.

The meeting terminated at 7:07pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 8 March 2022.

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Mayor