

**MINUTES OF NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 46-48 MAITLAND STREET, NARRABRI
ON TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Catherine Redding, Cr Rohan Boehm, Cr Robert Browning, Cr John Clements, Cr Brett Dickinson, Cr Greg Lamont, Cr Lisa Richardson, Cr Darrell Tiemens

IN ATTENDANCE: Rob Williams (General Manager), Donna Ausling (Director Planning and Strategy), Eloise Chaplain (Director Infrastructure Delivery), Andrew Brown (Director Corporate and Community Services), Kira Goodhew (Minute Clerk)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 3:00pm.

1 OPENING PRAYER

Members and officers were upstanding for the opening prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Council met, the Kamilaroi people, and the Council paid its respects to Elders past and present.

3 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Council acknowledged the sacrifice made by Australian service men and women, in particular those who gave their lives in defence of the freedom we enjoy today.

4 APOLOGIES/GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCES

MINUTE 284/2022

Moved: Cr John Clements Seconded: Cr Brett Dickinson

1. That an apology from Cr Ron Campbell be received and accepted.

In Favour: Crs Catherine Redding, Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

5 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest, you are reminded to include pecuniary, non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

COUNCILLOR	ITEM NUMBER	PECUNIARY/ NON-PECUNIARY	REASON
Cr Catherine Redding	7.1	Pecuniary	Landholder affected by Inland Rail lease.

6 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) MEETING

1. Nil.

6A PUBLIC FORUM AND PRESENTATIONS

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1. Jim Purcell spoke on Item 7.1 in support of a submission to NSW DPE regarding Inland Rail at Narrabri.

Attachments

1. Documents tabled by Jim Purcell regarding Item 7.1

At 3:18pm, Cr Redding left the meeting after declaring a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 7.1, due to being an landholder affected by an Inland Rail lease and was not present at or in sight of the meeting during the consideration of the item.

6B VOTE TO ASSUME CHAIR

The Deputy Mayor vacated the Chair.

The General Manager assumed the role of Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer received three (3) nominations for the role of Chair, that being for:

1. Cr Lamont;
2. Cr Richardson; and
3. Cr Dickinson.

Cr Lamont and Cr Richardson accepted the nomination for the role of Chair. Cr Dickinson declined the nomination.

The Returning Officer then conducted the election via open voting. The results of the election were:

Cr Lamont: 5 votes (Crs Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson and Greg Lamont)

Cr Richardson: 2 votes (Crs Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens)

Cr Lamont was declared Chair for the period until the Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting.

Cr Lamont assumed the Chair of the Meeting at 3:19pm.

7 OUR ENVIRONMENT

7.1 RESPONSE TO EXHIBITION OF PREFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENDMENT REPORT FOR INLAND RAIL - NARROMINE TO NARRABRI (N2N)**MINUTE 285/2022**

Moved: Cr John Clements Seconded: Cr Darrell Tiemens

- 1. That Council endorse the draft submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in response to the exhibition of the Preferred Infrastructure and Amendment Report for Inland Rail Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) section, Application Number SSI-9487 as shown as Attachment 8 to this report.**

In Favour: Crs Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MINUTE 286/2022**

Moved: Cr John Clements Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

1. That Council suspend standing orders and move into Committee of the Whole.

In Favour: Crs Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,
Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

The Council moved into Committee of the Whole, the time being 3:29pm.

MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MINUTE 287/2022**

Moved: Cr John Clements Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

1. That Council resume standing orders and move out of Committee of the Whole.

In Favour: Crs Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont,
Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

The Council moved out of Committee of the Whole, the time being 4:20pm.

7.2 AMENDMENT TO INLAND RAIL SUBMISSION**MINUTE 288/2022**

Moved: Cr John Clements Seconded: Cr Rohan Boehm

- 1. That the following inclusion to the executive summary to the response to Exhibition of Preferred Infrastructure and Amendment Report for Inland Rail be deemed a Matter of Great Urgency;**
 - a. That Narrabri Shire Council asks the Minister to take note of the concern that Inland Rail/ARTC, as requested, has not assessed the Narrabri Alternative Route (as proposed by the Narrabri Inland Rail Concerned Residents Group). The alternate route proposal has been submitted by engineers, hydrologists, surveyors and the broader Narrabri community members since March 2018.**
 - b. The Narrabri Alternative Route appears to save hundreds of millions of dollars and minimises flood impacts. This is supported by the WRM study commissioned by the Narrabri Inland Rail Concerned Residents Group. Narrabri Shire Council, with the current route selection, is unfunded for significant connectivity costs for the proposed Inland Port and the Special Activation Precinct (SAP).**
- 2. That Council write to the relevant Minister pointing out its concerns as above be deemed a Matter of Great Urgency.**

The Chair ruled the business to be of Great Urgency

In Favour: Crs Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

7.3 AMENDMENT TO INLAND RAIL SUBMISSION

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In Favour: Crs Rohan Boehm, Robert Browning, John Clements, Brett Dickinson, Greg Lamont, Lisa Richardson and Darrell Tiemens

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

The Chair thanked all staff involved in the preparation of the submission for their hard work.

Cr Catherine Redding returned to the meeting at 4:26 pm.

Cr Lamont vacated the Chair at 4:26pm.

The Deputy Mayor resumed the Chair of the Meeting at 4:26pm.

7 MEETING CLOSED

The Meeting closed at 4:26pm.

The minutes of this meeting are scheduled to be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Narrabri Shire Council held on 27 September 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON