

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON
MONDAY 8 MAY 2017**

HOUR CALLED: Immediately following the conclusion of the Planning Authority Meeting scheduled for 7.30pm (as advised in the Meeting notice).

PRESENT: The meeting commenced at 7.45pm with the Mayor (Ald D C Chipman) in the Chair and with Aldermen:

N M Campbell
H Chong
P Cusick
D Doust
D Hulme
P K McFarlane
D Thurley
S von Bertouch
J Walker; present.

1. APOLOGIES

J Peers (Leave of Absence)
R H James

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager
(Mr A Paul)
Corporate Treasurer
(Mr F Barta)
Development Engineer
(Mr M Melton)
Corporate Secretary
(Mr A van der Hek)
Manager City Planning
(Mr R Lovell)
Manager Health and Community Development
(Mr J Toohey)

The Meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor made the following declaration:

“I acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respect to elders, past and present”.

The Mayor also advised the Meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Meeting, are audio-visually recorded and published to Council’s website.

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer to cover page.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ALDERMAN OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

(File No)

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Aldermen to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED: NIL.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(File No 10/03/04)

(In accordance with Regulation 38 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 and in accordance with Council Policy, deputation requests are invited to address the Meeting and make statements or deliver reports to Council)

Nil.

4. TASWATER - OWNERSHIP
(File No 10-06-13)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to consider their position in relation to the proposed ownership takeover of TasWater by the State Government.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council currently receives a significant annual distribution from TasWater. Any reduction in this distribution will impact Council’s forward budget position.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The proposed takeover of TasWater by the State Government would require amendment to the Water and Corporations Act.

CONSULTATION

There has been little if any consultation. The Minister announced the Government’s intention to takeover TasWater on 19 February 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council had previously agreed to a reduced annual distribution from TasWater for 10 years as a means of enabling TasWater to speed up their Capital Works program. Under the Government proposal the Minister has advised that the Government would match the proposed distributions to 2025. Beyond that timeframe there is no certainty of distributions. The distributions from TasWater play a key role in funding Council’s asset renewal and maintenance program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council either:

- A. agree to the State Government ownership of TasWater; or
- B. oppose the proposed takeover of TasWater by the State Government.

Decision: **MOVED** Ald Campbell **SECONDED:** Ald Cusick

“That Council opposes the proposed takeover of TasWater by the State Government”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting closed at 8.08pm.