



SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council was held on Tuesday 3 September 2019, in Council Chambers, 80 Monger St, Bencubbin commencing at 4:30pm for the purpose of:

Consideration of the Shire of Mt Marshall's Submission to the Select Committee into Local Government

Cr ARC Sachse

President

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John Nuttall
Chief Executive Officer

Chairperson Initial

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1.0 Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Shire of Mt Marshall's Submission to the Select Committee into Local Government.

2.0 Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 4:30pm and welcomed all those present.

3.0 Record of Attendance / Apologies / Approved Leave of Absence

In Attendance

Cr ARC Sachse	President
Cr NR Gillett	Deputy President
Cr LN Gobbart	Councillor
Cr SR Putt	Councillor
Cr IC Sanders	Councillor
Cr RM Kirby	Councillor
Cr SE Faulkner	Councillor
Mr John Nuttall	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Nadine Richmond	Executive Assistant
Mr Len Cargeeg	Member of the Public

Apologies

Nil

4.0 Standing Orders

2019/8 - 001 COUNCIL DECISION:

That Standing Order number 9.2 - Limitation of Number of Speeches be suspended for the duration of the meeting to allow for greater debate on items in the agenda.

Moved Cr RM Kirby

Seconded Cr SR Putt

Carried 7/0

5.0 Public Questions

5.1 Response to Public Questions Taken on Notice

Nil

5.2 Public Question Time

The Presiding Member declared Public Question Time open and closed at 4.31pm.

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6.0 Reports of Officers

6.1 Response to Select Committee into Local Government

File No:	4.0029
Location/Address:	N/A
Name of Applicant:	Nil
Name of Owner:	N/A
Author:	John Nuttall – Chief Executive Officer
	6.1a - Correspondence from Select Committee into Local Government
Attachments:	6.1b - WALGA's Submission to Select Committee Into Local Government
	6.1c - DRAFT Response to Select Committee into Local Government
Declaration of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Previously Considered:	Nil

Background:

On 26 June 2019 a Select Committee was established to inquire into Local Government. A copy of the correspondence from that committee, setting out the terms of reference is attached. The initial closing date for submissions of 23 August 2019 was extended after a request by WALGA. The closing date is now 13 September 2019.

Given the importance of this inquiry, and the allegation that community members have been asked to lodge their complaints and scare stories regarding Local Government, it is important that considered and informed responses are provided to the committee.

WALGA have prepared a draft response which is being discussed at the various zone meetings. A copy of that draft response is attached.

Consultation:

Discussions have been held at WALGA zone level regarding submissions to the Select Committee.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Relevant Plans and Policy:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Unknown and may depend upon the outcome of the select committee inquiry.

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Risk Assessment:

There is a risk that if Local Government fails to respond to the Select Committee that a true reflection of what Local Government does and provides to the community will not be presented.

Community & Strategic Objectives:

Outcome 4.2 Strong representation on behalf of the Community

4.2.2 Lobby all levels of government where services may be threatened or withdrawn

Comment:

The Chief Executive Officer has prepared a draft letter to the Select Committee. This letter is based upon the various discussions and issues raised through the act review and at zone level. It is based in part upon the zone response, which of course is most relevant to us. Any additions or alterations can be discussed and agreed upon at the meeting.

2019/8 – 002 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

That Council endorse the edited Mt Marshall draft response to the Local Government Select Committee and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and lodge the response with the Select Committee.

Moved Cr NR Gillett

Seconded Cr IC Sanders

Carried 7/0

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7.0 Closure of Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4:47pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on

Date

Cr ARC Sachse President