



MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING RELATED COUNCILS NSW SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE SINGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 CIVIC AVENUE, SINGLETON, NSW.

1. Welcome by Chair.

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed members to the meeting and invited the Mayor Singleton Council, Councillor Sue Moore to address delegates, thereafter opened the meeting at 9.05am.

2. Apologies.

SPG 1/2017 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Brady) that the apologies of the following delegates be received and noted.

Councillor Ian Davison and Heather Nicholls, Cabonne Shire Council; Councillor Scott Ferguson and Rebecca Ryan, Blayney Shire Council; Councillor Des Kennedy, Mid Western Regional Council; Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council; Robert Hunt, Lachlan Shire Council; Councillor Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council; Councillor Liz McGlynn, Bland Shire Council; Councillor Reg Kidd, Orange City Council; Councillor Alan Ward, Parkes Shire Council; Councillor Melisa Hederiks and Peter Koslowski, Wentworth Shire Council; Councillor Nuatali Nelmes and James Butt, Newcastle City Council; Councillor Jay Suvaal, Cessnock City Council)

3. Disclosures of Interest.

- (a) Mr Ron Zwicker declared his interest as a shareholder in AGL Gas Investments;
- (b) Cr Melanie Dagg declared her interest as her husband works at Rix's Creek Mine in the Hunter Valley;
- (c) Cr Bob Pynsent declared his interest as a shareholder in Yancoal

SPG 2/2017 Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Nolan) that the disclosures of interest and reasons for them be received and noted.

4. Adoption of Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020 Update.

SPG 3/2017 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Nolan) that consideration of the adoption of the Draft Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020 be deferred and further considered at a Special General Meeting to be held on 23rd February 2018 in Sydney;

SPG 4/2017 Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Nolan) that the Association change its name to the Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW) – “MERC”.

5. Alterations to the Constitution.

Change of Name of Association to Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW)

SPG 5/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Connor) that changes be made to the constitution in Clauses 1, 2 & 3, to reflect the name change of the Association to Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW), plus related changes to the wording throughout the document and any typographical corrections per se;



Typographical Corrections

SPG 6/2017 Resolved (Cr Connor/Cr Nolan) that changes be made to the constitution to correct the typographical errors in Clause 4.4 (assist) and Clause 8.2 (by resolution);

Voting

SPG 7/2017 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cam) that the voting system in Clause 14.6.2.2 for contested elections three positions Executive Committee be preferential only.

Candidates Nominations & Resumes

SPG 8/2017 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that:

(a) the correct references for Clauses 14.6.1 and 14.6.2 in the constitution be included in the Voting Policy;

(b) when a nomination is submitted, candidates can include a resume; and

(c) candidates have until the day of the election for the seconding of the nomination form.

6. Treasurer Function.

SPG 9/2017 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Brady) that no action be taken to introduce a Treasurer function at this stage.

7. Section 4 Constitution Representation

SPG 10/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Hasler) that Clause 4.6 Representation, be deleted and replaced by the following wording:- “Any delegate appointed, will be bound by the model Code of Conduct for Local Government in NSW.”

8. Close. The meeting closed at 9.25am

The minutes (pages 1-2) were confirmed at a the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd February 2018 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 17th November 2017.

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Cr Peter Shinton
Chairperson