

MINUTES OF THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF MINING RELATED COUNCILS ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT MUSICIANS CLUB, BROKEN HILL, AUDITORIUM, ON 12TH MAY 2017

Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Chris Connor	Wollongong City Council (Deputy Chair)
Steve Loane	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Mr Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Melanie Dagg	Cessnock City Council
M/S Rebecca Ryan	Blayney Shire Council
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Hollee Jenkins	Singleton Shire Council
Cr Dan Thompson	Singleton Shire Council
Mr Jason Linnane	Singleton Shire Council
Cr Alan Ward	Parkes Shire Council
Mr Peter Vlatko	Cobar Shire Council
Cr Lilliane Brady OAM	Cobar Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Jim Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Melisa Hederiks	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr Peter Kozlowski	Wentworth Shire Council

Staff

Mr Greg Lamont	Executive Officer
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Guests

From Broken Hill City Council - Cr Darriea Turley (Mayor) and Cr Christine Adams

Apologies

Cr John Davis	Orange City Council
Cr Gordon Bradbery OAM	Wollongong City Council
Mr David Henry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Noel Lowry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Robert Khan	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Newcastle City Council
Mr Brad Cam	Mid Western Regional Council
Cr Des Kennedy	Mid Western Regional Council
Cr Gae Swain	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Sharon Wilcox	Cabonne Shire Council
M/S Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
Mr Robert Hunt	Lachlan Shire Council
Mr Glen Wilcox (Life Member)	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Mark Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council
Cr Jay Suvaal	Cessnock City Council

1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed members to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 9.40am. He thanked the Mayor of Broken Hill City Council, Cr Darriea Turley, for her welcome and her colleague Cr Christine Adams for her "I'm a miner's daughter" theme presentation to delegates before the meeting commenced.

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2. Apologies

OM 19/2017 Resolved (Cr Jenkins/Steve Loane) that the apologies of delegates listed be received and noted.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Mr Ron Zwicker declared his interest as a shareholder in AGL Gas Investments.

4. Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting – 2nd March 2017

OM 20/2017 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Ferguson) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 2nd March 2017 be received and noted.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting - 2nd March 2017

Cr Jenkins asked if any members had taken up Adam Searle's offer to visit their area and the response was that none had taken up the offer.

6. Adoption of the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting - 11th May 2017

OM 21/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Connor) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 11th May 2017 be received and noted.

7. Business Arising from Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 11th May 2017

OM 22/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Hasler) that the Executive Officer's Report recommendations for decision in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 11th May 2017, be dealt with separately by delegates, at this stage of the Agenda, as follows.

Item 3(a) Audit Quotations.

OM 23/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Hasler) that the quotation from Roberts and Morrow for a review of the Association's Financials (including compliance with the Income Tax Assessment Act) for \$1950 excluding GST, be accepted.

Item 3(c) Regional Independent Assessment Panel

OM 24/2017 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Jenkins) that the information be noted and when the correspondence is received on the requirements for the appointment of a delegate, it is distributed to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Item 3(d) Renewable Energy

OM 25/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Hasler) that the constitution be altered at the November Annual General Meeting to include in Section 2 Objects, the following:

- (1) Add as the seventh dot point "to include renewable energy as part of the Association's Charter and as an energy source";
- (2) Alter the constitution throughout to reflect the word energy next to mining;
- (3) Due to the changing nature of the Association, consideration of a name change for the Association to be considered at the Annual General Meeting eg change the name of the Association to "The Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils" or suchlike, to better reflect the strategic direction of the Association.

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Item 5 Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) Working Party Update

An update was provided to delegates by members of the VPA Working Party.

OM 26/2017 Resolved (Cr Connor/Cr Jenkins) that

- (1) a progress report on the negotiations of the Joint VPA Working Party be forwarded to member councils;
- (2) the Association engage Warwick Giblin, Oz Environmental to prepare a cents per production model and briefing paper for the Association, for the non-road social impact calculator, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, excluding GST;
- (3) a further meeting be arranged for the VPA Working Party delegates in Singleton in the near future once the Association's VPA Working Party has considered the cents per production non-road social impact calculator model developed in (2).

Adjournment of Meeting

OM 27/2017 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Connor) that the meeting be adjourned at 10.45am for fifteen minutes for morning tea.

Resumption of Meeting

OM 28/2017 Resolved (Cr Jenkins/Steve Loane) that the meeting be resumed at 11.00am.

Item 3 (b) Strategic Plan Review 2017 - 2020

Cr Connor presented the Draft Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2020. Delegates congratulated Cr Connor and the Working Party on the document format and proposed content which will be further embellished and presented to delegates at the August meeting for consideration.

OM 29/2017 Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted

Item 8 (e) Mining Activity Statistics Report

The Chair informed delegates of the development of the Mining Activity Statistics Report by the Commissioner for Land and Water, and staff. The Chair indicated it will be of benefit to members and is worthy of support by the Association.

OM 30/2017 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Jenkins) that

- (a) the Commissioner and staff be congratulated on this initiative;
- (b) a letter of support be forwarded to the Commissioner;
- (c) the Commissioner and his staff be invited to make a presentation on the Mining Activity Statistics Report to delegates at the next meeting of the Association in August 2017.

8. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's report (parts 1 and 2) was dealt with as part of Business Arising from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 11th May 2017.

OM 31/2017 Resolved (Steve Loane/Cr Jenkins) that the information be noted.

9. Delegates Report – Resources Advisory Forum (RAF)

OM 32/2107 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Dagg) that

- (a) the Association note the delegates' report from the meeting held on 16th March 2017 and that the details relating to the meeting are on the Department Planning and Environment website;

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- (b) the Association write to the Department of Planning staff from the Regional Advisory Forum (Alison Frame and Alex O'Mara) to invite them to attend the next meeting of the Association in Singleton for the mining tour the day before and a presentation on progress with the RAF to the Ordinary meeting next morning.

10. General Business

- (a) Change to Constitution - Clause 4 Representation** – Cr Brady queried the relevance in this day and age and raised the need for the Association to review Clause 4.6 “A delegate cannot be nominated by a member council if he/she has an association, commercial agreement or contract with a mining company.”

OM 33/2017 Resolved (Cr Connor/Cr Nolan) that the Executive Committee review the Constitution to ensure it is relevant for the Association.

- (b) Annual Summit** – Cr Banasik raised the possibility of the Association staging an annual summit where all stakeholders, non - member councils and advisors meet to consider mining, energy and resources related issues.

OM 34/2017 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Dagg) that the Executive Committee investigate the staging of an Annual Summit being organised by the Association.

- (c) Meeting Schedule** – Cr Jenkins raised, for discussion, the current format for the holding of two regional meetings and two city meetings, as something that the Executive Committee could look at when considering the review of the constitution. Delegates Loane and Hasler stressed the need for Regional meetings to be continued for delegates to stay in touch with grass roots issues.

- (d) Mines Subsidence Board** – Cr Thompson stressed the need for the Association to look at the post mining aspects of mining and follow up on changes proposed by the State Government with the Mines Subsidence Board levy funds being returned to the miners, to deal directly with residential owners, rather than holding back funds and setting up a Rehabilitation Fund for post mining activities.

- (e) Next Meeting** – Steve Loane requested the Executive consider altering the November AGM, Executive and Ordinary meetings from 9th/10th November 2017 in consultation with host council Singleton Shire Council, if need be, in view of National Roads Conference being held interstate beforehand as this may affect the availability of delegates.

- (f) Appointment of Treasurer** – This item was not discussed and will be resubmitted to the August meeting.

11. Next Meeting – August 10th for the Executive Committee Meeting, commencing at 3.00pm and 11th August for the Ordinary Meeting commencing at 9.30am in Sydney with venues to be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary Committee held on the 11th August 2017 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 12th May 2017.

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**Cr Peter Shinton
Chairperson**