

**MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS
(NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE, JUBILEE
ROOM, MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY, HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2018**

Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Chris Connor	Wollongong City Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Rob Hooke	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mr Andrew Johns	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Melanie Dagg	Cessnock City Council
Cr Dan Thompson	Singleton Council
Cr Sue Moore	Singleton Council
Mr Jason Linnane	Singleton Council
Cr Jim Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council
Mr David Henry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Mark Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Mr Brad Cam	Mid Western Regional Council
Cr Dom Figliomeni	Wollongong City Council
Mr Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr Peter Kozlowski	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council
M/S Rebecca Ryan	Blayney Shire Council
M/s Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
Cr Ian Davison	Cabonne Shire Council
Cr Joanne McRae	Orange City Council
Cr Kevin Duffy	Orange City Council
Cr Ben Shields	Dubbo Regional Council
Mr Michael McMahon	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council
Mr Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Alan Ward	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council

Minute Taker

Mr Greg Lamont Executive Officer, Yes Pty Ltd.

Observers

M/s Lisa Schiff Mid Coast Council

Apologies

Cr Jay Suvaal and Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council; Cr Lilliane Brady OAM and Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council; Councillor Des Kennedy, Mid Western Regional Council; Councillor Nuatali Nelmes, Newcastle City Council; Robert Hunt, Lachlan Shire Council; Cr Reg Kidd, Orange City Council; Cr Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council.

1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed members to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 12.45pm.

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2. Apologies

OM 1/2018 Resolved (Cr Ferguson/Cr Hall) that the apologies for delegates listed be received and noted.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

- (a) Mr Ron Zwicker declared an interest as a shareholder in AGL Gas Investments;
- (b) Cr Melanie Dagg declared an interest as her husband works at Rix's Creek Mine, Hunter Valley;

OM 2/2018 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hall) that the disclosures of interest be received and noted.

4. Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting – 17th November 2017

OM 2/2018 Resolved (Cr Moore/Cr Dagg) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17th November 2017 be received and noted.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting - 17th November 2017

Nil.

6. Deferral of the Adoption of the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 22nd February 2018.

OM 3/2018 Resolved (Mr Loane/Cr Banasik) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2018 be dealt with after the Executive Officer provides details on the background to each item outlined in the Executive Committee minutes that had not already been dealt with in the respective meetings beforehand.

7. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's report was dealt with prior to adopting the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2018

8. Adoption of Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting - 22nd February 2018

OM 4/2018 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2018 be received and noted.

9. Business Arising from Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 22nd February 2018

Nil

10. Delegates Report

(a) **Resources Advisory Forum (RAF).** Nil report - no meeting until 15th March 2018

(b) **Subsidence Advisory NSW.** Cr Dagg informed delegates that she is no longer a delegate to this organisation.

OM 5/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Moore) that the information be noted.

11. General Business

(a) **Resources for Regions (R4R).** Delegates discussed the current Guidelines for the Resources for Regions program and expressed their disappointment in the co – funding arrangement, the deviation from the original intent of returning mining royalties back into mining affected communities, the stringent cost benefit

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analysis on applications involved and how difficult these are to meet for rural Councils in NSW.

OM 6/2018 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Nolan) that the Association meet with relevant Ministers to outline concerns about the co-contribution requirements imposed on small rural Councils, the stringent cost benefit analysis approach and its deviation from its original intention of putting royalty funds back into the mining affected Council areas.

12. Next Meeting – Cobar 11th May 2018 commencing at 9am.

13. Close – The meeting closed at 1.00pm

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The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th May 2018 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 23rd February 2018.

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Cr Peter Shinton
Chairperson