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### Part 1: Introduction

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#### Introduction

This Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Meeting Code) is prescribed under section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation).

The Model Meeting Code applies to all meetings of councils and committees of councils of which all the members are councillors (committees of council). Council committees whose members include persons other than councillors may adopt their own rules for meetings unless the council determines otherwise.

Councils must adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code.

A council's adopted code of meeting practice may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code and other supplementary provisions. However, a code of meeting practice adopted by a council must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of this Model Meeting Code.

Mid-Western Regional Council adopted this Model Code of Meeting Practice on xxxxx Min No. xxxxx.

### Part 2: Meeting Principles

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#### 2.1 Council and committee meetings should be:

Transparent	Decisions are made in a way that is open and accountable.
Informed	Decisions are made based on relevant, quality information.
Inclusive	Decisions respect the diverse needs and interests of the local community.
Principled	Decisions are informed by the principles prescribed under Chapter 3 of the Act.
Trusted	The community has confidence that councillors and staff act ethically and make decisions in the interests of the whole community.
Respectful	Councillors, staff and meeting attendees treat each other with respect.
Effective	Meetings are well organised, effectively run and skilfully chaired.
Orderly	Councillors, staff and meeting attendees behave in a way that contributes to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

### Part 3: Before the Meeting

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# Timing of ordinary council meetings

3.1 Ordinary meetings of the council will be held on the following occasions:

The third Wednesday of each month, excluding the month of January at the Mid-Western Regional Council Chambers, 86 Market St Mudgee NSW 2850. The Council meeting opens at the conclusion of the public forum.

### **Extraordinary meetings**

3.2 If the mayor receives a request in writing, signed by at least two (2) councillors, the mayor must call an extraordinary meeting of the council to be held as soon as practicable, but in any event, no more than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the request. The mayor can be one of the two councillors requesting the meeting.

# Notice to the public of council meetings

- 3.3 The council must give notice to the public of the time, date and place of each of its meetings, including extraordinary meetings and of each meeting of committees of the council.
- 3.4 For the purposes of clause 3.2, notice of a meeting of the council and of a committee of council is to be published before the meeting takes place. The notice must be published on the council's website, and in such other manner that the council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the meeting to the attention of as many people as possible.
- 3.5 For the purposes of clause 3.2, notice of more than one (1) meeting may be given in the same notice.

### Notice to councillors of ordinary council meetings

- 3.6 The general manager must send to each councillor, at least three (3) days before each meeting of the council, a notice specifying the time, date and place at which the meeting is to be held, and the business proposed to be considered at the meeting.
- 3.7 The notice and the agenda for, and the business papers relating to, the meeting may be given to councillors in electronic form, but only if all councillors have facilities to access the notice, agenda and business papers in that form.

# Notice to councillors of extraordinary meetings

3.8 Notice of less than three (3) days may be given to councillors of an extraordinary meeting of the council in cases of emergency.

# Giving notice of business to be considered at council meetings

- 3.9 A councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted seven (7) business days before the meeting is to be held.
- 3.10 A councillor may, in writing to the general manager, request the withdrawal of a notice of motion submitted by them prior to its inclusion in the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- 3.11 If the general manager considers that a notice of motion submitted by a councillor for consideration at an ordinary meeting of the council has legal, strategic, financial or

policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting, the general manager may prepare a report in relation to the notice of motion for inclusion with the business papers for the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered by the council.

- 3.12 A notice of motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the notice of motion. If the notice of motion does not identify a funding source, the general manager must either:
  - (a) prepare a report on the availability of funds for implementing the motion if adopted for inclusion in the business papers for the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered by the council, or
  - (b) by written notice sent to all councillors with the business papers for the meeting for which the notice of motion has been submitted, defer consideration of the matter by the council to such a date specified in the notice, pending the preparation of such a report.

### **Questions with notice**

- 3.13 A councillor may, by way of a notice submitted under clause 3.9, ask a question for response by the general manager about the performance or operations of the council.
- 3.14 A councillor is not permitted to ask a question with notice under clause 3.13 that comprises a complaint against the general manager or a member of staff of the council, or a question that implies wrongdoing by the general manager or a member of staff of the council.

3.15 The general manager or their nominee may respond to a question with notice submitted under clause 3.13 by way of a report included in the business papers for the relevant meeting of the council or orally at the meeting.

# Agenda and business papers for ordinary meetings

- 3.16 The general manager must cause the agenda for a meeting of the council or a committee of the council to be prepared as soon as practicable before the meeting.
- 3.17 The general manager must ensure that the agenda for an ordinary meeting of the council states:
  - (a) all matters to be dealt with arising out of the proceedings of previous meetings of the council, and
  - (b) if the mayor is the chairperson any matter or topic that the chairperson proposes, at the time when the agenda is prepared, to put to the meeting, and
  - (c) all matters, including matters that are the subject of staff reports and reports of committees, to be considered at the meeting, and
  - (d) any business of which due notice has been given under clause 3.9.
- 3.18 Nothing in clause 3.17 limits the powers of the mayor to put a mayoral minute to a meeting under clause 9.6.
- 3.19 The general manager must not include in the agenda for a meeting of the council any business of which due notice has been given if, in the opinion of the general manager, the business is, or the implementation of the business would be, unlawful. The general manager must report, without giving details of

the item of business, any such exclusion to the next meeting of the council.

- 3.20 Where the agenda includes the receipt of information or discussion of other matters that, in the opinion of the general manager, is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public, the general manager must ensure that the agenda of the meeting:
  - (a) identifies the relevant item of business and indicates that it is of such a nature (without disclosing details of the information to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public), and
  - (b) states the grounds under section 10A(2) of the Act relevant to the item of business.
- 3.21 The general manager must ensure that the details of any item of business which, in the opinion of the general manager, is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, are included in a business paper provided to councillors for the meeting concerned. Such details must not be included in the business papers made available to the public, and must not be disclosed by a councillor or by any other person to another person who is not authorised to have that information.

# Statement of ethical obligations

3.22 Business papers for all ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the council and committees of the council must contain a statement reminding councillors of their oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Act and their obligations under the council's code of conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

# Availability of the agenda and business papers to the public

3.23 Copies of the agenda and the associated business papers, such as correspondence and reports for meetings of the council and committees of council, are to be published on the council's website, and must be made available to the public for inspection, or for taking away by any person free of charge at the offices of the council, at the relevant meeting and at such other venues determined by the council.

#### **Before the Meeting**

- 3.24 Clause 3.23 does not apply to the business papers for items of business that the general manager has identified under clause 3.20 as being likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public.
- 3.25 For the purposes of clause 3.23, copies of agendas and business papers must be published on the council's website and made available to the public at a time that is as close as possible to the time they are available to councillors.
- 3.26 A copy of an agenda, or of an associated business paper made available under clause 3.23, may in addition be given or made available in electronic form.

# Agenda and business papers for extraordinary meetings

- 3.27 The general manager must ensure that the agenda for an extraordinary meeting of the council deals only with the matters stated in the notice of the meeting.
- 3.28 Despite clause 3.27, business may be considered at an extraordinary meeting of the council, even though due notice of the business has not been given, if:
  - (a) a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and
  - (b) the business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.
- 3.29 A motion moved under clause 3.28(a) can be moved without notice but only after the business notified in the agenda for the extraordinary meeting has been dealt with.
- 3.30 Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion moved under clause 3.28(a) can speak to the motion before it is put.

3.31 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling of the chairperson under clause 3.28(b) on whether a matter is of great urgency.

### Pre-meeting briefing sessions

- 3.32 Prior to each ordinary meeting of the council, the general manager may arrange a premeeting briefing session to brief councillors on business to be considered at the meeting. Pre-meeting briefing sessions may also be held for extraordinary meetings of the council and meetings of committees of the council.
- 3.33 Pre-meeting briefing sessions are to be held in the absence of the public.
- 3.34 The general manager or a member of staff nominated by the general manager is to preside at pre-meeting briefing sessions.
- 3.35 Councillors must not use pre-meeting briefing sessions to debate or make preliminary decisions on items of business they are being briefed on, and any debate and decision-making must be left to the formal council or committee meeting at which the item of business is to be considered.
- 3.36 Councillors (including the mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of a briefing at a pre-meeting briefing session, in the same way that they are required to do so at a council or committee meeting. The council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations made at pre-meeting briefing sessions and how the conflict of interest was managed by the councillor who made the declaration.

### Part 4: Public Forums

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#### Public Forums

- 4.1 The council may hold a public forum prior to each ordinary meeting of the council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Public forums may also be held prior to extraordinary council meetings and meetings of committees of the council.
- 4.2 Public forums are to be chaired by the mayor or their nominee.
- 4.3 To speak at a public forum, a person must first make an application to the council in the approved form. Applications to speak at the public forum must be received by 4pm on the day before the date on which the public forum is to be held, and must identify the topic that the person wishes to speak on. If the speaker's topic is on the meeting agenda the speaker must advise whether they wish to speak'for' or 'against' the item.
- 4.4 A person may apply to speak on no more than two (2) topics.
- 4.5 Legal representatives acting on behalf of others are not to be permitted to speak at a public forum unless they identify their status as a legal representative when applying to speak at the public forum.
- 4.6 The general manager or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a public forum. The general manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.
- 4.7 No more than four (4) speakers are to be permitted to speak on the same topic.
- 4.8 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the general manager or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the persons who are to address the council on the item of business. If the speakers are not able to agree on whom to nominate to address the council, the general manager or their delegate is to determine who will address the

council at the public forum.

- 4.9 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the general manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the mayor or the mayor's nominated chairperson, increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.
- 4.10 Approved speakers at the public forum are to register with the council any written, visual or audio material to be presented in support of their address to the council at the public forum, and to identify any equipment needs by 4pm the day before the public forum. The general manager or their delegate may refuse to allow such material to be presented.
- 4.11 The general manager or their delegate is to determine the order of speakers at the public forum.
- 4.12 Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes to address the council. The chairperson may provide an additional 1 minute. This time is to be strictly enforced by the chairperson.
- 4.13 Speakers at public forums must not digress from the item on the agenda of the council meeting they have applied to address the council on. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.
- 4.14 A councillor (including the chairperson) may, through the chairperson, ask questions of a speaker following their address at a public forum. Questions put to a speaker must be direct, succinct and without argument.
- 4.15 Speakers are under no obligation to answer a question put under clause 4.14. Answers by the speaker, to each question are to be limited to two (2) minutes. The chairperson may provide

an additional one (1) minute.

- 4.16 Speakers at public forums cannot ask questions of the council, councillors or council staff.
- 4.17 The general manager or their nominee may, with the concurrence of the chairperson, address the council for up to two (2) minutes in response to an address to the council at a public forum after the address and any subsequent questions and answers have been finalised.
- 4.18 Where an address made at a public forum raises matters that require further consideration by council staff, the general manager may recommend that the council defer consideration of the matter pending the preparation of a further report on the matters.
- 4.19 When addressing the council, speakers at public forums must comply with this code and all other relevant council codes, policies, and procedures. Speakers must refrain from engaging in disorderly conduct, publicly alleging breaches of the council's code of conduct or making other potentially defamatory statements.
- 4.20 If the chairperson considers that a speaker at a public forum has engaged in conduct of the type referred to in clause 4.19, the chairperson may request the person to refrain from the inappropriate behaviour and to withdraw and unreservedly apologise for any inappropriate comments. Where the speaker fails to comply with the chairperson's request, the chairperson may immediately require the person to stop speaking.
- 4.21 Clause 4.20 does not limit the ability of the chairperson to deal with disorderly conduct by speakers at public forums in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of this code.
- 4.22 Where a speaker engages in conduct of the type referred to in clause 4.19, the general manager or their delegate may refuse further applications from that person to speak at public forums for such a period as the

general manager or their delegate considers appropriate.

4.23 Councillors (including the mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of an address at a public forum, in the same way that they are required to do so at a council or committee meeting. The council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations made at public forums and how the conflict of interest was managed by the councillor who made the declaration.

# Part 5: Coming Together

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# Attendance by councillors at meetings

- 5.1 All councillors must make reasonable efforts to attend meetings of the council and of committees of the council of which they are members.
- 5.2 A councillor cannot participate in a meeting of the council or of a committee of the council unless personally present at the meeting, unless permitted to attend the meeting by audiovisual link under this code.
- 5.3 Where a councillor is unable to attend one or more ordinary meetings of the council, the councillor should request that the council grant them a leave of absence from those meetings. This clause does not prevent a councillor from making an apology if they are unable to attend a meeting. However, the acceptance of such an apology does not constitute the granting of a leave of absence for the purposes of this code and the Act.
- 5.4 A councillor's request for leave of absence from council meetings should, if practicable, identify (by date) the meetings from which the councillor intends to be absent and the grounds upon which the leave of absence is being sought.
- 5.5 The council must act reasonably when considering whether to grant a councillor's request for a leave of absence.
- 5.6 A councillor's civic office will become vacant if the councillor is absent from three (3) consecutive ordinary meetings of the council without prior leave of the council, or leave granted by the council at any of the meetings concerned, unless the holder is absent because they have been suspended from office under the Act, or because the council has been suspended under the Act, or as a consequence of a compliance order under section 438HA.

5.7 A councillor who intends to attend a meeting of the council despite having been granted a leave of absence should, if practicable, give the general manager at least two (2) days' notice of their intention to attend.

### The quorum for a meeting

- 5.8 The quorum for a meeting of the council is a majority of the councillors of the council who hold office at that time and are not suspended from office.
- 5.9 Clause 5.8 does not apply if the quorum is required to be determined in accordance with directions of the Minister in a performance improvement order issued in respect of the council.
- 5.10 A meeting of the council must be adjourned if a quorum is not present:
  - (a) at the commencement of the meeting where the number of apologies received for the meeting indicates that there will not be a quorum for the meeting, or
  - (b) within half an hour after the time designated for the holding of the meeting, or
  - (c) at any time during the meeting.
- 5.11 In either case, the meeting must be adjourned to a time, date and place fixed:
  - (a) by the chairperson, or
  - (b) in the chairperson's absence, by the majority of the councillors present, or
  - (c) failing that, by the general manager.

- 5.12 The general manager must record in the council's minutes the circumstances relating to the absence of a quorum (including the reasons for the absence of a quorum) at or arising during a meeting of the council, together with the names of the councillors present.
- 5.13 Where, prior to the commencement of a meeting, it becomes apparent that a quorum may not be present at the meeting, or that the health, safety or welfare of councillors, council staff and members of the public may be put at risk by attending the meeting because of a natural disaster or a public health emergency, the mayor may, in consultation with the general manager and, as far as is practicable, with each councillor, cancel the meeting. Where a meeting is cancelled, notice of the cancellation must be published on the council's website and in such other manner that the council is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the cancellation to the attention of as many people as possible.
- 5.14 Where a meeting is cancelled under clause 5.13, the business to be considered at the meeting may instead be considered, where practicable, at the next ordinary meeting of the council or at an extraordinary meeting called under clause 3.2.

# Meetings held by audio-visual link

5.15 A meeting of the council or a committee of the council may be held by audio-visual link where the mayor determines that the meeting should be held by audio-visual link because of a natural disaster or a public health emergency. The mayor may only make a determination under this clause where they are satisfied that attendance at the meeting may put the health and safety of councillors and staff at risk. The mayor must make a determination under this clause in consultation with the general manager and, as far as is practicable, with each councillor.

# Entitlement of the public to attend council meetings

- 5.16 Everyone is entitled to attend a meeting of the council and committees of the council. The council must ensure that all meetings of the council and committees of the council are open to the public.
- 5.17 Clause 5.16 does not apply to parts of meetings that have been closed to the public under section 10A of the Act..
- 5.18 A person (whether a councillor or another person) is not entitled to be present at a meeting of the council or a committee of the council if expelled from the meeting:
  - (a) by a resolution of the meeting, or
  - (b) by the person presiding at the meeting if the council has, by resolution, authorised the person presiding to exercise the power of expulsion.

### Webcasting of meetings

- 5.19 Each meeting of the council or a committee of the council is to be recorded by means of an audio or audio-visual device.
- 5.20 At the start of each meeting of the council or a committee of the council, the chairperson must inform the persons attending the meeting that:
  - (a) the meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on the council's website, and
  - (b) persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.
- 5.21 The recording of a meeting is to be made publicly available on the council's website:
  - (a) at the same time as the meeting is taking place, or

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(b) as soon as practicable after the meeting.

- 5.22 The recording of a meeting is to be made publicly available on the council's website for at least 12 months after the meeting.
- 5.23 Clauses 5.21 and 5.22 do not apply to any part of a meeting that has been closed to the public in accordance with section 10A of the Act.
- 5.24 Recordings of meetings may be disposed of in accordance with the *State Records Act 1998*.

### Attendance of the general manager and other staff at meetings

- 5.25 The general manager is entitled to attend, but not to vote at, a meeting of the council or a meeting of a committee of the council of which all of the members are councillors.
- 5.26 The general manager is entitled to attend a meeting of any other committee of the council and may, if a member of the committee, exercise a vote.
- 5.27 The general manager may be excluded from a meeting of the council or a committee while the council or committee deals with a matter relating to the standard of performance of the general manager or the terms of employment of the general manager.
- 5.28 The attendance of other council staff at a meeting, (other than as members of the public) shall be with the approval of the general manager.

### Part 6: The Chairperson

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#### The Chairperson

### The chairperson at meetings

- 6.1 The mayor, or at the request of or in the absence of the mayor, the deputy mayor (if any) presides at meetings of the council.
- 6.2 If the mayor and the deputy mayor (if any) are absent, a councillor elected to chair the meeting by the councillors present presides at a meeting of the council.

### Election of the chairperson in the absence of the mayor and deputy mayor

- 6.3 If no chairperson is present at a meeting of the council at the time designated for the holding of the meeting, the first business of the meeting must be the election of a chairperson to preside at the meeting.
- 6.4 The election of a chairperson must be conducted:
  - (a) by the general manager or, in their absence, an employee of the council designated by the general manager to conduct the election, or
  - (b) by the person who called the meeting or a person acting on their behalf if neither the general manager nor a designated employee is present at the meeting, or if there is no general manager or designated employee.
- 6.5 If, at an election of a chairperson, two (2) or more candidates receive the same number of votes and no other candidate receives a greater number of votes, the chairperson is to be the candidate whose name is chosen by lot.
- 6.6 For the purposes of clause 6.5, the person conducting the election must:

- (a) arrange for the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes to be written on similar slips, and
- (b) then fold the slips so as to prevent the names from being seen, mix the slips and draw one of the slips at random.
- 6.7 The candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is the candidate who is to be the chairperson.
- 6.8 Any election conducted under clause 6.3, and the outcome of the vote, are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

# Chairperson to have precedence

- 6.9 When the chairperson rises or speaks during a meeting of the council:
  - (a) any councillor then speaking or seeking to speak must cease speaking and, if standing, immediately resume their seat, and
  - (b) every councillor present must be silent to enable the chairperson to be heard without interruption.

### Part 7: Modes of Address

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#### Modes of Address

- 7.1 If the chairperson is the mayor, they are to be addressed as 'Mr Mayor' or 'Madam Mayor'.
- 7.2 Where the chairperson is not the mayor, they are to be addressed as either 'Mr Chairperson' or 'Madam Chairperson'.
- 7.3 A councillor is to be addressed as 'Councillor [surname]!
- 7.4 A council officer is to be addressed by their official designation or as Mr/Ms [surname].

### Part 8: Order of Business for Ordinary Council Meetings

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#### Order of Business for Ordinary Council Meetings

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- 8.1 At a meeting of the council, the general order of business is as fixed by resolution of the council.
- 8.2 The order of business as fixed under clause 8.1 may be altered for a particular meeting of the council if a motion to that effect is passed at that meeting. Such a motion can be moved without notice.
- 8.3 Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 8.2 may speak to the motion before it is put.

### Part 9: Consideration of Business at Council Meetings

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# Business that can be dealt with at a council meeting

- 9.1 The council must not consider business at a meeting of the council:
  - (a) unless a councillor has given notice of the business, as required by clause 3.9, and
  - (b) unless notice of the business has been sent to the councillors in accordance with clause 3.6 in the case of an ordinary meeting or clause 3.8 in the case of an extraordinary meeting called in an emergency.
- 9.2 Clause 9.1 does not apply to the consideration of business at a meeting, if the business:
  - (a) is already before, or directly relates to, a matter that is already before the council, or
  - (b) is the election of a chairperson to preside at the meeting, or
  - (c) subject to clause 9.9, is a matter or topic put to the meeting by way of a mayoral minute, or
  - (d) is a motion for the adoption of recommendations of a committee, including, but not limited to, a committee of the council.
- 9.3 Despite clause 9.1, business may be considered at a meeting of the council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the councillors if:
  - (a) a motion is passed to have the business considered at the meeting, and
  - (b) the business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.

- 9.4 A motion moved under clause 9.3(a) can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.20– 10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 9.3(a) can speak to the motion before it is put.
- 9.5 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairperson under clause 9.3(b).

### **Mayoral minutes**

- 9.6 Subject to clause 9.9, if the mayor is the chairperson at a meeting of the council, the mayor may, by minute signed by the mayor, put to the meeting without notice any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the council, or of which the council has official knowledge.
- 9.7 A mayoral minute, when put to a meeting, takes precedence over all business on the council's agenda for the meeting. The chairperson (but only if the chairperson is the mayor) may move the adoption of a mayoral minute without the motion being seconded.
- 9.8 A recommendation made in a mayoral minute put by the mayor is, so far as it is adopted by the council, a resolution of the council.
- 9.9 A mayoral minute must not be used to put without notice matters that are routine and not urgent or matters for which proper notice should be given because of their complexity. For the purpose of this clause, a matter will be urgent where it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.
- 9.10 Where a mayoral minute makes a recommendation which, if adopted, would require the expenditure of funds on works and/ or services other than those already provided for in the council's current adopted operational plan, it must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the recommendation. If the mayoral minute does not identify a funding source, the council must

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defer consideration of the matter, pending a report from the general manager on the availability of funds for implementing the recommendation if adopted.

### Staff reports

9.11 A recommendation made in a staff report is, so far as it is adopted by the council, a resolution of the council.

### Reports of committees of council

- 9.12 The recommendations of a committee of the council are, so far as they are adopted by the council, resolutions of the council.
- 9.13 If in a report of a committee of the council distinct recommendations are made, the council may make separate decisions on each recommendation.

### Questions

- 9.14 A question must not be asked at a meeting of the council unless it concerns a matter on the agenda of the meeting or notice has been given of the question in accordance with clauses 3.9 and 3.13.
- 9.15 A councillor may, through the chairperson, put a question to another councillor about a matter on the agenda.
- 9.16 A councillor may, through the general manager, put a question to a council employee about a matter on the agenda. Council employees are only obliged to answer a question put to them through the general manager at the direction of the general manager.
- 9.17 A councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given

reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to information. Where a councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is unable to respond to the question at the meeting at which it is put, they may take it on notice and report the response to the next meeting of the council.

- 9.18 Councillors must put questions directly, succinctly, respectfully and without argument.
- 9.19 The chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply to, or refusal to reply to, a question put to a councillor or council employee.

### Part 10: Rules of Debate

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### Motions to be seconded

10.1 Unless otherwise specified in this code, a motion or an amendment cannot be debated unless or until it has been seconded.

### Notices of motion

- 10.2 A councillor who has submitted a notice of motion under clause 3.9 is to move the notice of motion at the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- 10.3 If a councillor who has submitted a notice of motion under clause 3.9 wishes to withdraw it after the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered have been sent to councillors, the councillor may request the withdrawal of the motion when it is before the council.
- 10.4 In the absence of a councillor who has placed a notice of motion on the agenda for a meeting of the council:
  - (a) any other councillor may, with the leave of the chairperson, move the motion at the meeting, or
  - (b) the chairperson may defer consideration of the motion until the next meeting of the council.

# Chairperson's duties with respect to motions

- 10.5 It is the duty of the chairperson at a meeting of the council to receive and put to the meeting any lawful motion that is brought before the meeting.
- 10.6 The chairperson must rule out of order any motion or amendment to a motion that is unlawful or the implementation of which would be unlawful.

- 10.7 Before ruling out of order a motion or an amendment to a motion under clause 10.6, the chairperson is to give the mover an opportunity to clarify or amend the motion or amendment.
- 10.8 Any motion, amendment or other matter that the chairperson has ruled out of order is taken to have been lost.

# Motions requiring the expenditure of funds

10.9 A motion or an amendment to a motion which if passed would require the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the motion. If the motion does not identify a funding source, the council must defer consideration of the matter, pending a report from the general manager on the availability of funds for implementing the motion if adopted.

### Amendments to motions

- 10.10 An amendment to a motion must be moved and seconded before it can be debated.
- 10.11 An amendment to a motion must relate to the matter being dealt with in the original motion before the council and must not be a direct negative of the original motion. An amendment to a motion which does not relate to the matter being dealt with in the original motion, or which is a direct negative of the original motion, must be ruled out of order by the chairperson.
- 10.12 The mover of an amendment is to be given the opportunity to explain any uncertainties in the proposed amendment before a seconder is called for.
- 10.13 If an amendment has been lost, a further

amendment can be moved to the motion to which the lost amendment was moved, and so on, but no more than one (1) motion and one (1) proposed amendment can be before council at any one time.

- 10.14 While an amendment is being considered, debate must only occur in relation to the amendment and not the original motion. Debate on the original motion is to be suspended while the amendment to the original motion is being debated.
- 10.15 If the amendment is carried, it becomes the motion and is to be debated. If the amendment is lost, debate is to resume on the original motion.
- 10.16 An amendment may become the motion without debate or a vote where it is accepted by the councillor who moved the original motion.

### **Foreshadowed motions**

- 10.17 A councillor may propose a foreshadowed motion in relation to the matter the subject of the original motion before the council, without a seconder during debate on the original motion. The foreshadowed motion is only to be considered if the original motion is lost or withdrawn and the foreshadowed motion is then moved and seconded. If the original motion is carried, the foreshadowed motion lapses.
- 10.18 Where an amendment has been moved and seconded, a councillor may, without a seconder, foreshadow a further amendment that they propose to move after the first amendment has been dealt with. There is no limit to the number of foreshadowed amendments that may be put before the council at any time. However, no discussion can take place on foreshadowed amendments until the previous amendment has been dealt with and the foreshadowed amendment has been moved and seconded.

10.19 Foreshadowed motions and foreshadowed amendments are to be considered in the order in which they are proposed. However, foreshadowed motions cannot be considered until all foreshadowed amendments have been dealt with.

# Limitations on the number and duration of speeches

- 10.20 A councillor who, during a debate at a meeting of the council, moves an original motion, has the right to speak on each amendment to the motion and a right of general reply to all observations that are made during the debate in relation to the motion, and any amendment to it at the conclusion of the debate before the motion (whether amended or not) is finally put.
- 10.21 A councillor, other than the mover of an original motion, has the right to speak once on the motion and once on each amendment to it.
- 10.22 A councillor must not, without the consent of the council, speak more than once on a motion or an amendment, or for longer than five (5) minutes at any one time.
- 10.23 Despite clause 10.22, the chairperson may permit a councillor who claims to have been misrepresented or misunderstood to speak more than once on a motion or an amendment, and for longer than five (5) minutes on that motion or amendment to enable the councillor to make a statement limited to explaining the misrepresentation or misunderstanding.
- 10.24 Despite clause 10.22, the council may resolve to shorten the duration of speeches to expedite the consideration of business at a meeting.
- 10.25 Despite clauses 10.20 and 10.21, a councillor may move that a motion or an amendment be now put:
  - (a) if the mover of the motion or amendment has spoken in favour of it and no councillor expresses an intention to speak against it, or

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- (b) if at least two (2) councillors have spoken in favour of the motion or amendment and at least two (2) councillors have spoken against it.
- 10.26 The chairperson must immediately put to the vote, without debate, a motion moved under clause 10.25. A seconder is not required for such a motion.
- 10.27 If a motion that the original motion or an amendment be now put is passed, the chairperson must, without further debate, put the original motion or amendment to the vote immediately after the mover of the original motion has exercised their right of reply under clause 10.20.
- 10.28 If a motion that the original motion or an amendment be now put is lost, the chairperson must allow the debate on the original motion or the amendment to be resumed.
- 10.29 All councillors must be heard without interruption and all other councillors must, unless otherwise permitted under this code, remain silent while another councillor is speaking.
- 10.30 Once the debate on a matter has concluded and a matter has been dealt with, the chairperson must not allow further debate on the matter.

## Part 11: **Voting**

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### Voting entitlements of councillors

- 11.1 Each councillor is entitled to one (1) vote.
- 11.2 The person presiding at a meeting of the council has, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.
- 11.3 Where the chairperson declines to exercise, or fails to exercise, their second or casting vote, in the event of an equality of votes, the motion being voted upon is lost.

### Voting at council meetings

- 11.4 A councillor who is present at a meeting of the council but who fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion.
- 11.5 Voting at a meeting, including voting in an election at a meeting, is to be by open means (such as on the voices, by show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system). However, the council may resolve that the voting in any election by councillors for mayor or deputy mayor is to be by secret ballot.
- 11.6 All voting at council meetings, (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded.

### Voting on planning decisions

11.7 The general manager must keep a register containing, for each planning decision made at a meeting of the council or a council committee (including, but not limited to a committee of the council), the names of the councillors who supported the decision and the names of any councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.

- 11.8 Each decision recorded in the register is to be described in the register or identified in a manner that enables the description to be obtained from another publicly available document.
- 11.9 Clauses 11.4–11.6 apply also to meetings that are closed to the public.

### Part 12: Committee of the Whole

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#### Committee of the Whole

- 12.1 The council may resolve itself into a committee to consider any matter before the council.
- 12.2 All the provisions of this code relating to meetings of the council, so far as they are applicable, extend to and govern the proceedings of the council when in committee of the whole, except the provisions limiting the number and duration of speeches.
- 12.3 The general manager or, in the absence of the general manager, an employee of the council designated by the general manager, is responsible for reporting to the council the proceedings of the committee of the whole. It is not necessary to report the proceedings in full, but any recommendations of the committee must be reported.
- 12.4 The council must ensure that a report of the proceedings (including any recommendations of the committee) is recorded in the council's minutes. However, the council is not taken to have adopted the report until a motion for adoption has been made and passed.

### Part 13: Dealing with Items by Exception

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#### Dealing with Items by Exception

- 13.1 The council or a committee of council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business on the agenda together by way of a single resolution.
- 13.2 Before the council or committee resolves to adopt multiple items of business on the agenda together under clause 13.1, the chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the business paper or that they wish to speak on.
- 13.3 The council or committee must not resolve to adopt any item of business under clause 13.1 that a councillor has identified as being one they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the business paper or to speak on.
- 13.4 Where the consideration of multiple items of business together under clause 13.1 involves a variation to the order of business for the meeting, the council or committee must resolve to alter the order of business in accordance with clause 8.3.
- 13.5 A motion to adopt multiple items of business together under clause 13.1 must identify each of the items of business to be adopted and state that they are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.
- 13.6 Items of business adopted under clause 13.1 are to be taken to have been adopted unanimously.
- 13.7 Councillors must ensure that they declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to items of business considered together under clause 13.1 in accordance with the requirements of the council's code of conduct.

## Part 14 Closure of Council Meetings to the Public

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## Grounds on which meetings can be closed to the public

- 14.1 The council or a committee of the council may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the discussion or the receipt of any of the following types of matters:
  - (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
  - (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
  - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
  - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
    - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
    - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
    - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
  - (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
  - (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
  - (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,
  - (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land,
  - alleged contraventions of the council's code of conduct.

14.2 The council or a committee of the council may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

# Matters to be considered when closing meetings to the public

- 14.3 A meeting is not to remain closed during the discussion of anything referred to in clause 14.1:
  - (a) except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and
  - (b) if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret – unless the council or committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- 14.4 A meeting is not to be closed during the receipt and consideration of information or advice referred to in clause 14.1(g) unless the advice concerns legal matters that:
  - (a) are substantial issues relating to a matter in which the council or committee is involved, and
  - (b) are clearly identified in the advice, and
  - (c) are fully discussed in that advice.
- 14.5 If a meeting is closed during the discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in clause 14.2), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matter or information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is a matter referred to in clause 14.1.

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- 14.6 For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:
  - (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
  - (b) the discussion of the matter may:
    - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
    - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.
- 14.7 In deciding whether part of a meeting is to be closed to the public, the council or committee concerned must consider any relevant guidelines issued by the Departmental Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government.

### Notice of likelihood of closure not required in urgent cases

- 14.8 Part of a meeting of the council, or of a committee of the council, may be closed to the public while the council or committee considers a matter that has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting under clause 3.20 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed, but only if:
  - (a) it becomes apparent during the discussion of a particular matter that the matter is a matter referred to in clause 14.1, and
  - (b) the council or committee, after considering any representations made under clause 14.9, resolves that further discussion of the matter:
    - (i) should not be deferred (because of the urgency of the matter), and
    - (ii) should take place in a part of the meeting that is closed to the public.

# Representations by members of the public

- 14.9 The council, or a committee of the council, may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.
- 14.10 A representation under clause 14.9 is to be made after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded.
- 14.11 Where the matter has been identified in the agenda of the meeting under clause 3.20 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, in order to make representations under clause 14.9, members of the public must first make an application to the council in the approved form. Applications must be received by 4pm on the day before the meeting at which the matter is to be considered.
- 14.12 The general manager (or their delegate) may refuse an application made under clause 14.11. The general manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application..
- 14.13 No more than four (4) speakers are to be permitted to make representations under clause 14.9.
- 14.14 If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to make representations under clause 14.9, the general manager or their delegate may request the speakers to nominate from among themselves the persons who are to make representations to the council. If the speakers are not able to agree on whom to nominate to make representations under clause 14.9, the general manager or their delegate is to determine who will make representations to the council.
- 14.15 The general manager (or their delegate) is to determine the order of speakers.

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- 14.16 Where the council or a committee of the council proposes to close a meeting or part of a meeting to the public in circumstances where the matter has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting under clause 3.20 as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public, the chairperson is to invite representations from the public under clause 14.9 after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded. The chairperson is to permit no more than four (4) speakers to make representations in such order as determined by the chairperson.
- 14.17 Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes to make representations, and this time limit is to be strictly enforced by the chairperson. Speakers must confine their representations to whether the meeting should be closed to the public. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.

#### Expulsion of non-councillors from meetings closed to the public

- 14.18 If a meeting or part of a meeting of the council or a committee of the council is closed to the public in accordance with section 10A of the Act and this code, any person who is not a councillor and who fails to leave the meeting when requested, may be expelled from the meeting as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act.
- 14.19 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if

necessary restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

# Information to be disclosed in resolutions closing meetings to the public

- 14.20 The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The grounds must specify the following:
  - (a) the relevant provision of section 10A(2) of the Act,
  - (b) the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,
  - (c) the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

# Resolutions passed at closed meetings to be made public

- 14.21 If the council passes a resolution during a meeting, or a part of a meeting, that is closed to the public, the chairperson must make the resolution public as soon as practicable after the meeting, or the relevant part of the meeting, has ended, and the resolution must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.
- 13.22 Resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the chairperson under clause 14.21 during a part of the meeting that is webcast.

## Part 15: Keeping Order at Meetings

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#### **Points of order**

- 15.1 A councillor may draw the attention of the chairperson to an alleged breach of this code by raising a point of order. A point of order does not require a seconder.
- 15.2 A point of order cannot be made with respect to adherence to the principles contained in clause 2.1.
- 15.3 A point of order must be taken immediately as it is raised. The chairperson must suspend the business before the meeting and permit the councillor raising the point of order to state the provision of this code they believe has been breached. The chairperson must then rule on the point of order – either by upholding it or by overruling it.

### **Questions of order**

- 15.4 The chairperson, without the intervention of any other councillor, may call any councillor to order whenever, in the opinion of the chairperson, it is necessary to do so.
- 15.5 A councillor who claims that another councillor has committed an act of disorder, or is out of order, may call the attention of the chairperson to the matter.
- 15.6 The chairperson must rule on a question of order immediately after it is raised but, before doing so, may invite the opinion of the council.
- 15.7 The chairperson's ruling must be obeyed unless a motion dissenting from the ruling is passed.

#### Motions of dissent

15.8 A councillor can, without notice, move to dissent from a ruling of the chairperson on a point of order or a question of order. If that happens, the chairperson must suspend the business before the meeting until a decision is

made on the motion of dissent.

- 15.9 If a motion of dissent is passed, the chairperson must proceed with the suspended business as though the ruling dissented from had not been given. If, as a result of the ruling, any motion or business has been rejected as out of order, the chairperson must restore the motion or business to the agenda and proceed with it in due course.
- 15.10 Despite any other provision of this code, only the mover of a motion of dissent and the chairperson can speak to the motion before it is put. The mover of the motion does not have a right of general reply.

#### Acts of disorder

- 15.11 A councillor commits an act of disorder if the councillor, at a meeting of the council or a committee of the council:
  - (a) contravenes the Act, the Regulation or this code, or
  - (b) assaults or threatens to assault another councillor or person present at the meeting, or
  - (c) moves or attempts to move a motion or an amendment that has an unlawful purpose or that deals with a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the council or the committee, or addresses or attempts to address the council or the committee on such a motion, amendment or matter, or
  - (d) insults, makes unfavourable personal remarks about, or imputes improper motives to any other council official, or alleges a breach of the council's code of conduct, or
  - (e) says or does anything that is inconsistent with maintaining order at the meeting or is likely to bring the council or the committee into disrepute.
- 15.12 The chairperson may require a councillor:

- (a) to apologise without reservation for an act of disorder referred to in clauses 15.11(a),
   (b), or (e), or
- (b) to withdraw a motion or an amendment referred to in clause 15.11(c) and, where appropriate, to apologise without reservation, or
- (c) to retract and apologise without reservation for any statement that constitutes an act of disorder referred to in clauses 15.11(d) and (e).

# How disorder at a meeting may be dealt with

15.13 If disorder occurs at a meeting of the council, the chairperson may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than fifteen (15) minutes and leave the chair. The council, on reassembling, must, on a question put from the chairperson, decide without debate whether the business is to be proceeded with or not. This clause applies to disorder arising from the conduct of members of the public as well as disorder arising from the conduct of councillors.

### **Expulsion from meetings**

- 15.14 All chairpersons of meetings of the council and committees of the council are authorised under this code to expel any person other than a councillor, from a council or committee meeting, for the purposes of section 10(2)(b) of the Act. Councillors may only be expelled by resolution of the council or the committee of the council.
- 15.15 Clause 15.14, does not limit the ability of the council or a committee of the council to resolve to expel a person, including a councillor, from a council or committee meeting, under section 10(2)(a) of the Act..
- 15.16 A councillor may, as provided by section 10(2)

(a) or (b) of the Act, be expelled from a meeting of the council for having failed to comply with a requirement under clause 15.12. The expulsion of a councillor from the meeting for that reason does not prevent any other action from being taken against the councillor for the act of disorder concerned.

- 15.17 A member of the public may, as provided by section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the Act, be expelled from a meeting of the council for engaging in or having engaged in disorderly conduct at the meeting.
- 15.18 Where a councillor or a member of the public is expelled from a meeting, the expulsion and the name of the person expelled, if known, are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 15.19 If a councillor or a member of the public fails to leave the place where a meeting of the council is being held immediately after they have been expelled, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the councillor or member of the public from that place and, if necessary, restrain the councillor or member of the public from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

# Use of mobile phones and the unauthorised recording of meetings

- 15.20 Councillors, council staff and members of the public must ensure that mobile phones are turned to silent during meetings of the council and committees of the council.
- 15.21 A person must not live stream or use an audio recorder, video camera, mobile phone or any other device to make a recording of the proceedings of a meeting of the council or a committee of the council without the prior authorisation of the council or the committee.

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- 15.22 Without limiting clause 15.17, a contravention of clause 15.21 or an attempt to contravene that clause, constitutes disorderly conduct for the purposes of clause 15.17. Any person who contravenes or attempts to contravene clause 15.21, may be expelled from the meeting as provided for under section 10(2) of the Act.
- 15.23 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary, restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

### Part 16: Conflicts of Interest

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#### **Conflicts of Interest**

16.1 All councillors and, where applicable, all other persons, must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at meetings of the council and committees of the council in accordance with the council's code of conduct. All declarations of conflicts of interest and how the conflict of interest was managed by the person who made the declaration must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the declaration was made.

# Part 17: **Decisions of the Council**

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### **Council decisions**

- 17.1 A decision supported by a majority of the votes at a meeting of the council at which a quorum is present is a decision of the council.
- 17.2 Decisions made by the council must be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision is made.

# Rescinding or altering Council decisions

- 17.3 A resolution passed by the council may not be altered or rescinded except by a motion to that effect of which notice has been given under clause 3.9.
- 17.4 If a notice of motion to rescind a resolution is given at the meeting at which the resolution is carried, the resolution must not be carried into effect until the motion of rescission has been dealt with.
- 17.5 If a motion has been lost, a motion having the same effect must not be considered unless notice of it has been duly given in accordance with clause 3.9.
- 17.6 A notice of motion to alter or rescind a resolution, and a notice of motion which has the same effect as a motion which has been lost, must be signed by three (3) councillors if less than three (3) months has elapsed since the resolution was passed, or the motion was lost.
- 17.7 If a motion to alter or rescind a resolution has been lost, or if a motion which has the same effect as a previously lost motion is lost, no similar motion may be brought forward within three (3) months of the meeting at which it was lost. This clause may not be evaded by substituting a motion differently worded, but in principle the same.

- 17.8 The provisions of clauses 17.5–17.7 concerning lost motions do not apply to motions of adjournment.
- 17.9 A notice of motion submitted in accordance with clause 17.6 may only be withdrawn under clause 3.10 with the consent of all signatories to the notice of motion.
- 17.10 A notice of motion to alter or rescind a resolution relating to a development application must be submitted to the general manager no later than one (1) day after the meeting at which the resolution was adopted.
- 17.11 A motion to alter or rescind a resolution of the council may be moved on the report of a committee of the council and any such report must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the council.
- 17.12 Subject to clause 17.7, in cases of urgency, a motion to alter or rescind a resolution of the council may be moved at the same meeting at which the resolution was adopted, where:
  - (a) a notice of motion signed by three councillors is submitted to the chairperson, and
  - (b) a motion to have the motion considered at the meeting is passed, and
  - (c) the chairperson rules the business that is the subject of the motion is of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.
- 17.13 A motion moved under clause 17.12(b) can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.20–10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 17.12(b) can speak to the motion before it is put.
- 17.14 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairperson under clause 17.12(c).

# Recommitting resolutions to correct an error

- 17.15 Despite the provisions of this Part, a councillor may, with the leave of the chairperson, move to recommit a resolution adopted at the same meeting:
  - (a) to correct any error, ambiguity or imprecision in the council's resolution, or
  - (b) to confirm the voting on the resolution.
- 17.16 In seeking the leave of the chairperson to move to recommit a resolution for the purposes of clause 17.15(a), the councillor is to propose alternative wording for the resolution.
- 17.17 The chairperson must not grant leave to recommit a resolution for the purposes of clause 17.15(a), unless they are satisfied that the proposed alternative wording of the resolution would not alter the substance of the resolution previously adopted at the meeting.
- 17.18 A motion moved under clause 17.15 can be moved without notice. Despite clauses 10.20–
  10.30, only the mover of a motion referred to in clause 17.15 can speak to the motion before it is put.
- 17.19 A motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling by the chairperson under clause 17.15.
- 17.20 A motion moved under clause 17.15 with the leave of the chairperson cannot be voted on unless or until it has been seconded.

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### Part 18: Time Limits on Council Meetings

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- 18.1 Meetings of the council and committees of the council are to conclude no later than 10pm.
- 18.2 If the business of the meeting is unfinished at 10pm the council or the committee may, by resolution, extend the time of the meeting.
- 18.3 If the business of the meeting is unfinished at 10pm, and the council does not resolve to extend the meeting, the chairperson must either:
  - (a) defer consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to the next ordinary meeting of the council, or
  - (b) adjourn the meeting to a time, date and place fixed by the chairperson.
- 18.4 Clause 18.3 does not limit the ability of the council or a committee of the council to resolve to adjourn a meeting at any time. The resolution adjourning the meeting must fix the time, date and place that the meeting is to be adjourned to.
- 18.5 Where a meeting is adjourned under clause 18.3 or 18.4, the general manager must:
  - (a) individually notify each councillor of the time, date and place at which the meeting will reconvene, and
  - (b) publish the time, date and place at which the meeting will reconvene on the council's website and in such other manner that the general manager is satisfied is likely to bring notice of the time, date and place of the reconvened meeting to the attention of as many people as possible.

## Part 19: After the Meeting

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#### **Minutes of meetings**

- 19.1 The council is to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the council.
- 19.2 At a minimum, the general manager must ensure that the following matters are recorded in the council's minutes:
  - (a) details of each motion moved at a council meeting and of any amendments moved to it,
  - (b) the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,
  - (c) whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost, and
  - (d) such other matters specifically required under this code.
- 19.3 The minutes of a council meeting must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the council.
- 19.4 Any debate on the confirmation of the minutes is to be confined to whether the minutes are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.
- 19.5 When the minutes have been confirmed, they are to be signed by the person presiding at the subsequent meeting.
- 19.6 The confirmed minutes of a meeting may be amended to correct typographical or administrative errors after they have been confirmed. Any amendment made under this clause must not alter the substance of any decision made at the meeting.
- 19.7 The confirmed minutes of a council meeting must be published on the council's website. This clause does not prevent the council from also publishing unconfirmed minutes of its meetings on its website prior to their confirmation.

# Access to correspondence and reports laid on the table at, or submitted to, a meeting

- 19.8 The council and committees of the council must, during or at the close of a meeting, or during the business day following the meeting, give reasonable access to any person to inspect correspondence and reports laid on the table at, or submitted to, the meeting.
- 19.9 Clause 19.8 does not apply if the correspondence or reports relate to a matter that was received or discussed or laid on the table at, or submitted to, the meeting when the meeting was closed to the public..
- 19.10 Clause 19.8 does not apply if the council or the committee resolves at the meeting, when open to the public, that the correspondence or reports are to be treated as confidential because they relate to a matter specified in section 10A(2) of the Act.
- 19.11 Correspondence or reports to which clauses 19.9 and 19.10 apply are to be marked with the relevant provision of section 10A(2) of the Act that applies to the correspondence or report.

# Implementation of decisions of the council

19.12 The general manager is to implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the council.

### Part 20: Council Committees

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### **Application of this Part**

20.1 This Part only applies to committees of the council whose members are all councillors.

# Council committees whose members are all councillors

- 20.2 The council may, by resolution, establish such committees as it considers necessary.
- 20.3 A committee of the council is to consist of the mayor and such other councillors as are elected by the councillors or appointed by the council.
- 20.4 The quorum for a meeting of a committee of the council is to be:
  - (a) such number of members as the council decides, or
  - (b) if the council has not decided a number a majority of the members of the committee.

#### **Functions of committees**

20.5 The council must specify the functions of each of its committees when the committee is established, but may from time to time amend those functions.

#### Notice of committee meetings

- 20.6 The general manager must send to each councillor, regardless of whether they are a committee member, at least three (3) days before each meeting of the committee, a notice specifying:
  - (a) the time, date and place of the meeting, and
  - (b) the business proposed to be considered at the meeting.

20.7 Notice of less than three (3) days may be given of a committee meeting called in an emergency.

# Attendance at committee meetings

- 20.8 A committee member (other than the mayor) ceases to be a member of a committee if the committee member:
  - (a) has been absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the committee without having given reasons acceptable to the committee for the member's absences, or
  - (b) has been absent from at least half of the meetings of the committee held during the immediately preceding year without having given to the committee acceptable reasons for the member's absences.
- 20.9 Clause 20.8 does not apply if all of the members of the council are members of the committee.

# Non-members entitled to attend committee meetings

- 20.10 A councillor who is not a member of a committee of the council is entitled to attend, and to speak at a meeting of the committee. However, the councillor is not entitled:
  - (a) to give notice of business for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting, or
  - (b) to move or second a motion at the meeting, or
  - (c) to vote at the meeting.

### Chairperson and deputy chairperson of council committees

- 20.11 The chairperson of each committee of the council must be:
  - (a) the mayor, or
  - (b) if the mayor does not wish to be the chairperson of a committee, a member of the committee elected by the council, or
  - (c) if the council does not elect such a member, a member of the committee elected by the committee.
- 20.12 The council may elect a member of a committee of the council as deputy chairperson of the committee. If the council does not elect a deputy chairperson of such a committee, the committee may elect a deputy chairperson.
- 20.13 If neither the chairperson nor the deputy chairperson of a committee of the council is able or willing to preside at a meeting of the committee, the committee must elect a member of the committee to be acting chairperson of the committee.
- 20.14 The chairperson is to preside at a meeting of a committee of the council. If the chairperson is unable or unwilling to preside, the deputy chairperson (if any) is to preside at the meeting, but if neither the chairperson nor the deputy chairperson is able or willing to preside, the acting chairperson is to preside at the meeting.

# Procedure in committee meetings

20.15 Subject to any specific requirements of this code, each committee of the council may regulate its own procedure. The provisions of this code are to be taken to apply to all committees of the council unless the council

or the committee determines otherwise in accordance with this clause.

- 20.16 Whenever the voting on a motion put to a meeting of the committee is equal, the chairperson of the committee is to have a casting vote as well as an original vote unless the council or the committee determines otherwise in accordance with clause 20.15.
- 20.17 Voting at a council committee meeting is to be by open means (such as on the voices, by show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system).

# Closure of committee meetings to the public

- 20.18 The provisions of the Act and Part 14 of this code apply to the closure of meetings of committees of the council to the public in the same way they apply to the closure of meetings of the council to the public.
- 20.19 If a committee of the council passes a resolution, or makes a recommendation, during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public, the chairperson must make the resolution or recommendation public as soon as practicable after the meeting or part of the meeting has ended, and report the resolution or recommendation to the next meeting of the council. The resolution or recommendation must also be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.
- 20.20 Resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the chairperson under clause 20.19 during a part of the meeting that is webcast.

# Disorder in committee meetings

20.21 The provisions of the Act and this code relating to the maintenance of order in council meetings apply to meetings of committees of the council in the same way as they apply to meetings of the council.

# Minutes of council committee meetings

- 20.22 Each committee of the council is to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of its meetings. At a minimum, a committee must ensure that the following matters are recorded in the committee's minutes:
  - (a) details of each motion moved at a meeting and of any amendments moved to it,
  - (b) the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment,
  - (c) whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost, and
  - (d) such other matters specifically required under this code.
- 20.23 All voting at meetings of committees of the council (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded.
- 20.24 The minutes of meetings of each committee of the council must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the committee.
- 20.25 Any debate on the confirmation of the minutes is to be confined to whether the minutes are a full and accurate record of the meeting they relate to.

- 20.26 When the minutes have been confirmed, they are to be signed by the person presiding at that subsequent meeting.
- 20.27 The confirmed minutes of a meeting may be amended to correct typographical or administrative errors after they have been confirmed. Any amendment made under this clause must not alter the substance of any decision made at the meeting.
- 20.28 The confirmed minutes of a meeting of a committee of the council must be published on the council's website. This clause does not prevent the council from also publishing unconfirmed minutes of meetings of committees of the council on its website prior to their confirmation.

### Part 21: Irregularities

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#### Irregularities

- 21.1 Proceedings at a meeting of a council or a council committee are not invalidated because of:
  - (a) a vacancy in a civic office, or
  - (b) a failure to give notice of the meeting to any councillor or committee member, or
  - (c) any defect in the election or appointment of a councillor or committee member, or
  - (d) a failure of a councillor or a committee member to declare a conflict of interest, or to refrain from the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, the relevant matter, at a council or committee meeting in accordance with the council's code of conduct, or
  - (e) a failure to comply with this code.

### Part 22: **Definitions**

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the Act	means the Local Government Act 1993
act of disorder	means an act of disorder as defined in clause 15.11 of this code
amendment	in relation to an original motion, means a motion moving an amendment to that motion
audio recorder	any device capable of recording speech
audio-visual link	means a facility that enables audio and visual communication between persons at different places
business day	means any day except Saturday or Sunday or any other day the whole or part of which is observed as a public holiday throughout New South Wales
chairperson	in relation to a meeting of the council – means the person presiding at the meeting as provided by section 369 of the Act and clauses 6.1 and 6.2 of this code, and in relation to a meeting of a committee – means the person presiding at the meeting as provided by clause 20.11 of this code
this code	means the council's adopted code of meeting practice
committee of the council	means a committee established by the council in accordance with clause 20.2 of this code (being a committee consisting only of councillors) or the council when it has resolved itself into committee of the whole under clause 12.1
council official	has the same meaning it has in the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW
day	means calendar day
division	means a request by two councillors under clause 11.7 of this code requiring the recording of the names of the councillors who voted both for and against a motion
foreshadowed amendment	means a proposed amendment foreshadowed by a councillor under clause 10.18 of this code during debate on the first amendment
foreshadowed motion	means a motion foreshadowed by a councillor under clause 10.17 of this code during debate on an original motion
open voting	means voting on the voices or by a show of hands or by a visible electronic voting system or similar means
planning decision	means a decision made in the exercise of a function of a council under the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> including any decision relating to a development application, an environmental planning instrument, a development control plan or a development contribution plan under that Act, but not including the making of an order under Division 9.3 of Part 9 of that Act
performance improvement order	means an order issued under section 438A of the Act
quorum	means the minimum number of councillors or committee members necessary to conduct a meeting
the Regulation	means the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
webcast	a video or audio broadcast of a meeting transmitted across the internet either concurrently with the meeting or at a later time
year	means the period beginning 1 July and ending the following 30 June



#### **Gateway Determination**

**Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2021-4679)**: to permit a bulk storage and reload facility (heavy industry) at 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo.

I, the Director, Western Region at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Mid-Western Regional Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to permit a bulk storage and reload facility (heavy industry) at Lot 2 DP 1227923, 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo should proceed subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to community consultation, consultation is required with the following public authorities:
  - (a) NSW Rural Fire Service to satisfy the requirements of section 9.1 Ministerial Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection and any specific firefighting requirements for the proposed facility.
  - (b) Environment Protection Authority regarding impact of the proposal on surrounding sensitive receptors and any requirements for notifying surrounding land owners and licencing requirements.

Having regard to the response from NSW Rural Fire Service and Environment Protection Authority, Council is to seek approval from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Western Region prior to undertaking community consultation.

- Public exhibition is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the Act as follows:
  - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 days**; and
  - (b) the planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 6.5.2 of *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2018).
- 3. Consultation is required with the following public authorities/organisations under section 3.34(2)(d) of the Act:
  - (a) DPIE Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate
  - (b) DRNSW Mining, Energy and Geoscience.

Each public authority/organisation is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.

- 4. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 3.34(2)(e) of the Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
- 5. Prior to submission of the planning proposal under section 3.36 of the Act, the final LEP maps (Additional permitted use map) must be prepared and be compliant with the Department's 'Standard Technical Requirements for Spatial Datasets and Maps' 2017.
- 6. The planning proposal authority is authorised as the local plan-making authority to exercise the functions under section 3.36(2) of the Act subject to the following:
  - (a) the planning proposal authority has satisfied all the conditions of the Gateway determination;
  - (b) the planning proposal is consistent with section 9.1 Directions or the Secretary has agreed that any inconsistencies are justified; and
  - (c) there are no outstanding written objections from public authorities.
- 7. The time frame for completing the LEP is to be **9 months** following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated

26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

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Garry Hopkins Director, Western Region Local and Regional Planning Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

8 April 2022



DOC22/279543-6

Sarah Armstrong Mid-Western Regional Council

Email:sarah.armstrong@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Armstrong

#### Planning Proposal PP-2021- 4679 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo

I am writing in response to your request seeking comment regarding the above planning proposal that is seeking to the additional permitted use of a Bulk Storage and Reload Facility for explosive agents at the above site received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 14 March 2022.

The EPA has reviewed the submitted information and has no objection to the proposed additional use, however the EPA recommends that you consult with SafeWork NSW regarding the handling, storage and potential manufacture of explosives.

Information is attached (Attachment A) to help Council develop any supporting development controls or when considering a new development application for a Bulk Storage and Reload Facility at this site.

The EPA does not require any follow-up consultation nor further engagement on this proposal unless land contamination is identified at the site that requires a duty to notify the EPA or a future development proposal identifies a development that will be scheduled under the Protection of The Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act). Unless a licence is required, Mid-Western Council would be the Appropriate Regulatory Authority in relation to environmental matters regulated under the POEO Act.

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Paul Wearne (02) 4224 4100.

Yours sincerely

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### Attachment A - Information to help Council draft development controls or consider a development application

#### **Licensing Requirements**

Based on the information presented in the planning proposal it appears the amounts of chemicals associated with the proposed bulk storage and reload facility (for explosive agents) appear only indicative at this time. In this regard it is unclear whether licensing under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) will be needed if the rezoning and proposed development are approved.

It will be important that the proponent is required to document information to determine whether the proposed development will require licensing under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act* 1997 (POEO Act). The <u>EPA's Guide to Licensing</u> should be consulted when assessing if licencing will be required and information needed to support an application. If licencing is not required Council will be the Appropriate Regulatory Authority for matters under the POEO Act.

#### Water quality

Any development proposal should document all practical measures that could be taken to prevent, control, abate or mitigate water pollution and protect human health and the environment from harm should be considered. This includes measures that can help protect, maintain, and restore waterway health.

Groundwater at the site is partially mapped as being vulnerable, so measures need to be documented to prevent pollution to surface and groundwater. In this regard all storage, handling and manufacturing areas require appropriate containment measures to be installed so that any spills or leakages of ammonium nitrate are prevented from being released into the surrounding soil, groundwater, or surface waters.

To achieve this outcome, facilities should be designed with impermeable hardstands that drain to an appropriately sized and lined containment system for all areas that are subject to potential ammonium nitrate contamination associated with material handling and storage. An impermeable hardstand is defined as a surface that does not allow water percolation, eliminating infiltration and natural groundwater recharge. While these facilities should also be preferably enclosed.

Any contaminated water storage and conveyance systems should also be lined to prevent leakage and contamination of groundwater and must at least comply with the following key requirements:

- 1. The drainage from all areas that will mobilise contaminants when stormwater runs over these areas must be controlled and diverted through appropriate capture and containment systems.
- Contaminated water must be collected and stored in a dam or equivalent structure (e.g. blind sump) that is lined.
- 3. Contaminated water dams or structures must have monitoring equipment installed (such as high-level alarms) to ensure that they cannot be overfilled.
- 4. The contaminated water dam must be capable of at least accepting the run-off generated by any 1-in-10-year, 24-hour-period storm event without overflowing.
- 5. The area of the site that can generate contaminated stormwater when water runs over it should be minimised.
- The design storage capacity of the contaminated water storage system installed on the premises must be reinstated within 5 days of the cessation of a rainfall event that causes runoff to occur on or from the premises.
- 7. The drainage network must be open or grated to reduce the potential for confinement and associated increased risk of explosion.

Acceptable characteristics of a suitable contaminated water storage system liner for ammonium nitrate include:

- There should be a clay or modified soil liner consisting of at least 900 mm of recompacted clay with an in-situ permeability (K) of less than 10<sup>-9</sup> ms<sup>-1</sup>. Successive layers should be of compatible material, and each underlying layer should be scoured to prevent excessive permeability due to the lamination. The sides should generally have a slope not exceeding a gradient of one vertical to three horizontal, in order to allow suitable compaction of the barrier and to facilitate subsequent testing.
- If the containment dam is located in an area where it poses a significant potential threat to surface or groundwaters, the clay or modified soil liner should be overlaid with a flexible membrane liner (FML) of permeability (K) for water of less than 10<sup>-14</sup> ms<sup>-1</sup>.

The FML should have material properties that ensure it can maintain this permeability for a period at least equivalent to the desired working life of the containment dam. The FML should have a minimum thickness of 1.5 mm and should be laid according to the procedures outlined in an approved construction quality assurance program. All joins and repairs should be fully tested to ensure that the liner's integrity is not breached at these locations, and the FML should be protected

While any supporting development controls should be seeking the preparation and implementation of a Soil and Water Management plan prior to construction. Such a plan should be developed in accordance with the *Managing urban stormwater: soils and construction, Vol. 1* (Landcom 2004).

#### Air Quality

Emissions should not adversely impact on human health and amenity while the approved activity should not result in offensive odour beyond the boundary of its premises. It should also demonstrate compliance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010*. The development proposal should include an assessment to ensure these outcomes can be achieved. Council may also wish to seek an air quality impact assessment prepared in accordance with the *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW* to further seek reassurance that the above outcomes can be achieved.

#### Noise

The development proposal should include an assessment of any potential impacts of noise in relation to the proposed bulk storage and reload facility. This is to ensure the amenity and wellbeing of the community is protected. Potential impacts should be minimised through the implementation of all feasible and reasonable mitigation measures including during any construction phase. The <u>Noise Policy for Industry</u> (EPA 2017) and <u>NSW Road Noise Policy</u> (EPA 2011) should be consulted to help guide key assessment requirements.

#### Waste management

The development proposal should estimate volumes of waste generated on the site and identify waste streams and disposal options for all waste including liquid waste. Waste management should consider the prevention of pollution, minimising resource use, improving the recovery of materials from the waste stream and ensuring the appropriate disposal of waste. Any wastes should be classified in accordance the <u>Waste Classification Guidelines</u> (EPA 2014) and transported to a site that can lawfully receive that type of waste.

#### Contaminated Land Management

An assessment in accordance with <u>State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards)</u> <u>2021</u> of any potential land contamination resulting from any past land-use activities should be undertaken to assess whether the land is suitable for its proposal use or will require remediation. The EPA should be notified under section 60 of the *Contaminated Land Management Act* 1997 of any contamination identified that meets the triggers in the <u>Guidelines on the duty to report</u> <u>contamination under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997</u>

#### **General Matters**

The proposal includes the storage of acetic acid in Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs), however there appears to be no information presented on this activity. In this regard management of corrosive substances should be undertaken in accordance with *AS* 3780 – The storage and handling of corrosive substances. While *AS* 3833 The storage and handling of mixed classes of dangerous goods, in packages and intermediate bulk containers should also be consulted where there is the storage and handling of mixed classes of Dangerous Goods in packages and IBCs.



Department of Planning and Environment

Brad Cam General Manager Mid-Western Regional Council PO Box 156 Mudgee NSW 2850 PP-2021-4679 IRF22/1780

#### Attention: Sarah Armstrong, Manager, Strategic Planning

Dear Mr Cam,

### Planning proposal (PP-2021-4679) - 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo - Condition 1 partly satisfied and proceed to community consultation.

I refer to your correspondence in relation to planning proposal PP-2021-4679 amendment to the Mid-Western Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to permit a bulk storage and reload facility (heavy industry) at 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo.

Condition 1 of the Gateway determination issued on 26 November 2021 required consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) prior to undertaking community consultation.

It is noted that Council has received a response from EPA and is yet to receive a response from NSWRFS.

I have reviewed the information provided can agree that condition 1 of the Gateway determination has been partly satisfied. Council may now proceed to community consultation as soon as possible as required by condition 2 of the Gateway determination.

A response is required from NSWRFS to satisfy the requirements of section 9.1 Ministerial Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection and any specific firefighting requirements for the proposed facility. Please continue to consult with NSWRFS through the community and agency consultation period to resolve the Ministerial Direction prior to finalising the Plan as required by Gateway determination condition 6 (b).

It is to be noted that the Plan is to be completed by 26 August 2022.

A copy of this letter, the planning proposal documentation, the Gateway determination dated 26 November 2021 and documents accompanying the planning proposal are to be included in the community consultation package.

If you have any more questions, please contact Tim Collins, Senior Planning Officer, Western Region, at the Department of Planning and Environment on 5852 6800.

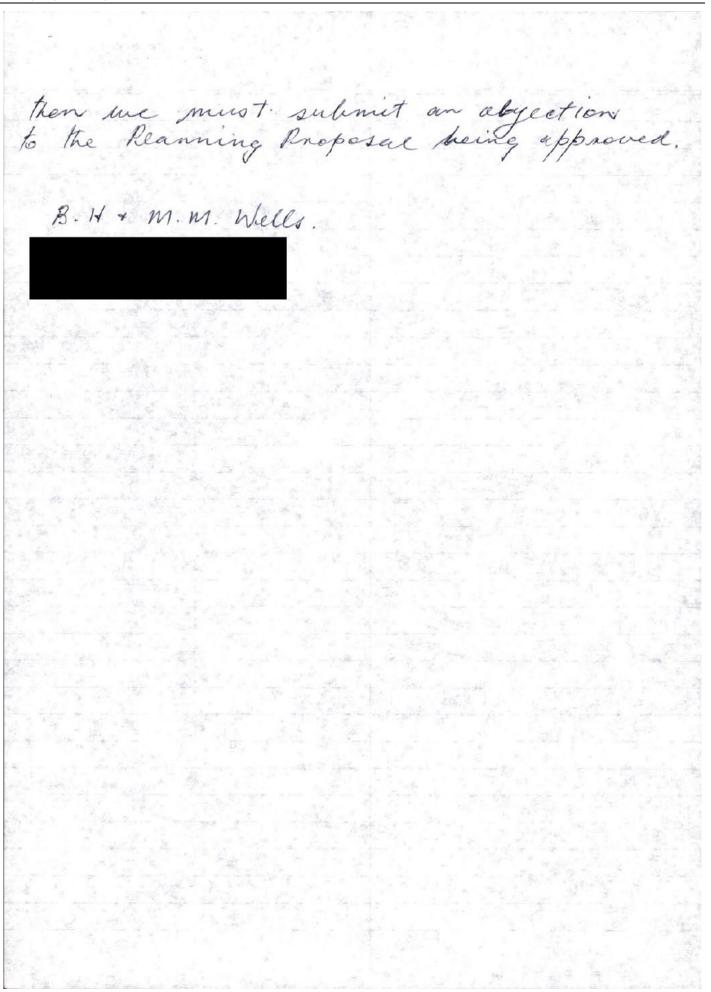
Yours sincerely

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26 May 2022

Wayne Garnsey Manager, Western Region Local and Regional Planning Department of Planning and Environment

ID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCI ID WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL RECEIVED RECEIVED 2 8 JUN 2022 29 JUN 2022 SCANNED 28.6.2022 REGISTERED RE Planning Proposal, Sto Buckaso Road (Lot 2 DP "1227923). additional Remitted use, Bulk Storage and Releas facility. Re the allowe, There was no mention in the Planning Rapposal how the site would be accessed if the Development application was submitted and approved. I would anticipate that the access would he grow the unsealed section of Buckanoo. Road, east of the untrance to MDL to avoid using the have roal. It also mentroned that the applicant is seeking to expand their services within the Central West region and would be Creating local employment exportunities. If this is so, it would merease the amount of traffic using Buckauco hoad, past our property creating dust problems during dry times If council is prepared to upgrade and litumen seal this port ion of Buckaroo Road past our property, then we have no objection to the Planning Proposal heing approved, however, if Council is not prepende to upgrade the road as stated,



BUCKAROO NSW 2850

30 June 2022

The General Manager

Submissions

Mid-Western Regional Council

Market Street

MUDGEE NSW 2850

Dear Sir

#### PLANNING PROPOSAL 540 BUCKAROO ROAD, BUCKAROO (LOT 2 DP 1227923

The road access is of concern. The roads are minor roads unsuitable for heavy traffic where Buckaroo Lane turns on to Buckaroo Road is a very dangerous corner.

Buckaroo Lane is a school bus route, the bus has to turn at the dangerous corner onto Buckaroo Road.

I was Captain of the local Rural Fire Service for this area for several years. That area was always of great concern. If there was a lightning strike on the mountain the fire would be unstoppable until it got to Buckaroo Road.

For these reasons I think it is an unsuitable Industry for this area.

Yours faithfully

BARRY WELLS





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Mid-Western Regional Council PO Box 156 MUDGEE NSW 2850

Your reference: Ref-1211 PP-2021-4679 Our reference: SPI20220318000020

ATTENTION: Sarah Armstrong

Date: Wednesday 22 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Strategic Planning Instrument LEP Amendment – Planning Proposal

The purpose of this planning proposal is to amend the Mid-Western Regional Local Environmental Plan 2012 (MWR LEP) under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) to include an additional permitted use for Lot 2 in DP1227923 as a bulk storage and reload facility. The planning proposal would amend Schedule 1 of the MWR LEP to allow a development application (DA) to be lodged for the facility.

I refer to your correspondence dated 14/03/2022 inviting the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) to comment on the above Strategic Planning document.

The NSW RFS has considered the information submitted and provides the following comments.

The NSW Rural Fire Service raises no objection to the proposed amendment to the Mid-Western Regional Local Environment Plan 2012. It is recommended that any future Development Application lodged on the subject site for a bulk storage and reload facility relating to potentially hazardous industry address the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*, including section 8.3.9 Hazardous Industry.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Marc Ellwood on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

Kalpana Varghese Supervisor Development Assessment & Plan Built & Natural Environment



## Department of Planning and Environment



Sarah Armstrong Manager Strategic Planning Mid-Western Regional Council sarah.armstrong@midwestern.nsw.gov.au Our ref: DOC22/239170 Your ref: PP-2021-4679

Dear Sarah

#### Planning Proposal – PP-2021-4679 – 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo

Thank you for your e-mail dated 14 March 2022 to the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS) of the Department of Planning and Environment inviting comments on the planning proposal for 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo.

BCS understands that the proposal is seeking to;

- Amend the Mid-Western Regional Local Environmental Plan 2021 to include an additional permitted use for Lot 2 DP 1227923
- The additional permitted use is for a bulk storage and reload facility

BCS has the following primary areas of interest relating to strategic land use planning proposals:

- 1. The impacts of development and settlement intensification on biodiversity;
- 2. Adequate investigation of the environmental constraints of affected land;
- Avoiding intensification of land use and settlement in environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs); and
- 4. Ensuring that development within a floodplain is consistent with the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy, the principles set out in the Floodplain Development Manual, and applicable urban and rural floodplain risk management plans.

We also understand that planning proposals must comply with current statutory matters such as the Local Planning Directions under S117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 (EP&A Act).

BCS has reviewed the information provided and has no specific comments to make on the proposal.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Howarth, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, via michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6883 5339.

Yours sincerely

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Samantha Wynn Senior Team Leader Planning North West Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate

29 March 2022



Sarah Armstrong Manager Strategic Planning Mid-Western Regional Council PO Box 156 Mudgee NSW 2850 Our ref: RDOC22/30593 Your ref: PP-2021-4679

Emailed: via Planning Portal

17 March 2022

Dear Ms Armstrong

# Subject: Planning Proposal – Additional Permitted Use – Lot 2 DP1227923, 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

MEG-GSNSW has reviewed the planning proposal document to amend the Mid-Western Regional Council Local Environment Plan 2012 for the additional permitted use at 540 Buckaroo Road, Buckaroo and can advise that MEG-GSNSW have no concerns or issues to raise in relation to Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Direction 1.3 Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the MEG-GSNSW Land Use team at <u>landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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Malcolm Drummond Senior Geoscientist - Land Use for Steven Palmer Manager, Land Use Geological Survey of NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience



## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between Service NSW (ABN 37 552 837 401) and the Mid-Western Regional Council (the 'Council) (the 'Parties')

Last Updated: 27 July 2021

#### 1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this Agreement is to:

- A. Provide the services of Service NSW for Business, which is a division of Service NSW with a mandate of being the one front door for businesses in NSW to access government information and services.
- B. Provide the framework within which Services will be delivered;
- C. Document the responsibilities of Service NSW and the Council on the provision of Services;
- D. Provide mechanisms to manage the relationship between the Parties;
- E. Promote a collaborative approach to working together in a timely and effective manner and to act in good faith.

This Agreement is not legally binding.

## 2. Background

- Service NSW is a Division of the Government Service established under the Service Act. The functions of Service NSW include the exercise of customer service functions, within the meaning of the Service Act; other functions conferred by statute; and other functions relating to the delivery of Government services, as directed by the Minister responsible for Service NSW.
- 2) Section 7 of the Service Act makes provision for customer service functions to be delegated by other NSW Government agencies to the Chief Executive Officer ('**CEO**').
- 3) The functions of the CEO are exercised by the staff of Service NSW.
- 4) Section 8 of the Service Act enables the CEO to enter into Agreements with local government agencies for the exercise of a non-statutory customer service function of the agency; or with respect to the exercise of a customer service function delegated to the CEO.
- 5) Subsection 8(4) of the Service Act provides that an Agreement with a council, a county council or a joint organisation within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* must be approved by a resolution of the council, county council or joint organisation, must be approved before it is entered into.
- 6) Service NSW partners with the Council to promote and deliver the services of Service NSW for Business to businesses across NSW.

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7) the purpose of this collaboration is to ensure awareness and access to Government services to all businesses in NSW.

8) the Services of Service NSW for Business are free for the Council and for customers.

9) The PPIP Act and the HRIP Act set out information handling principles that apply to public sector agencies (as defined in section 3 of the PPIP Act). As public sector agencies, the parties must not do anything, or engage in any practice, that contravenes a privacy principle that applies to them.

10) Section 14 of the Service Act makes provision for the disclosure and use of information, including personal information, for the purposes of the exercise of customer service functions by the CEO. Section 14 has effect despite the provisions of any other Act, including the PPIP Act and the HRIP Act.

11) Section 15 of the Service Act makes provision for the collection of personal information for the purposes of the PPIP Act and the HRIP Act, by Service NSW.

12) Section 16 of the Service Act enables an Agreement made under the Service Act, or a delegation of a customer service function by an agency to the CEO, to provide for the exercise by Service NSW of functions relating to access to information under the Government information (Public Access) Act 2009 and functions relating to the State Records Act 1998, in connection with the functions of the council concerned. The responsibilities of Agencies under the *State Records Act 1998* include making and keeping full and accurate records of their office.

13) The Parties have agreed to enter into an Agreement under section 8 of the Service Act, incorporating the terms on this Agreement..

## 3. Guiding Principles

- 3.1. The Parties will:
  - A. Work collaboratively and in good faith in a timely and effective manner, with open communication to achieve shared objectives;
  - B. Facilitate a partnership relationship that promotes and achieves continuous improvement and accountability;
  - C. Ensure that each of its Personnel complies with this Agreement and all applicable laws and policies relating to the Services, including the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*;
  - D. Comply with the agreed timelines for meeting obligations to ensure efficient and effective delivery of Services;
  - E. Work together to identify and manage shared risks;
  - F. Work together to prioritise initiatives and enhancements, particularly where there are limitations on time and resources; and
  - G. Work together to respond to the media, advise Ministers, and consult each other when developing communications that impact on Services.

## 4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1. Service NSW will:

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- A. Provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, subject to any Change Request;
- B. Exercise the required standard of skill, care and diligence in its performance of the Services and ensure that its Personnel have appropriate qualifications and skills to provide the Services;
- C. Take responsibility for the management of records it creates or holds as a result of the exercise of a customer service function, where required; and
- D. Take responsibility for performing necessary maintenance of its systems and data managing the impact on customers from Service NSW system outages and working in conjunction with the Council.
- 4.2. The Council will:
  - A. Provide Service NSW with all information, inputs, resources and subject matter expertise in a timely manner as required to enable Service NSW to provide the Services as set out in the Agreement;
  - B. Take responsibility for the management of records it receives or holds following the exercise of a customer service function by Service NSW.
- 4.3. The Parties undertake to maintain open channels of communication by:
  - A. Making available Personnel, data, reports and computer systems for the purposes of resolving customer issues;
  - B. Appointing a Relationship Manager with responsibility for managing the contractual and operational aspects of the Services. The Relationship Manager may be varied.

## 5. Services

- A. Service NSW will:
  - (i) provide the relevant information and contacts to Council to ensure its local businesses are aware and can access the Service NSW for Business services
  - (ii) provide a single point of contact for Council to ensure it can access Service NSW for Business services.
- B. the Council will:
  - (i) refer eligible customers to the Program;
  - (ii) provide guidance to Service NSW staff to assist in responding to inquiries;
  - (iii) inform customers and Service NSW of the outcome of relevant applications in line with privacy requirements
  - (iv) provide updates on changes to local government policies, guidelines or other matters which may affect the Program;
  - (v) identify local opportunities to inform customers of the program;
  - (vi) provide Service NSW with feedback on the effectiveness and performance of the Program.

## 6. Liability

6.1. To the full extent permitted by law, neither Council or Service NSW will be liable to the customer for the customer's actions or responsible for any liability, loss or cost suffered directly or indirectly by the business in connection with the Service NSW for Business service.

## 7. Data and Data Security

- 7.1. Each party retains ownership of its Data.
- 7.2. Except as required by law, neither party must, and must ensure that its Personnel will not:
  - A. use the Data belonging to the other party for any purpose other than the performance of its obligations under this Agreement; or
  - B. sell, commercially exploit, let for hire, assign rights in or otherwise dispose of any Data. or
  - C. Make the other party's Data available to a third party including another government agency or body, other than an approved Subcontractor, and only to the extent required under this Agreement.
- 7.3 Each party must establish and maintain safeguards against the destruction, loss or alteration of either party's Data in the possession or control of that party which are is consistent with and no less rigorous than those maintained by either party to secure its own data; and comply with all applicable laws and policies.
- 7.4 In particular, the Parties will ensure the secure transmission and storage of data, at standards no less than those recommended by Cyber Security NSW.

## 8. Confidential Information

- 8.1. The Parties must, in respect of any Confidential Information:
  - A. Keep the Confidential Information confidential and not disclose that information to any person without the prior written consent of the disclosing party, other than to its Personnel, professional advisors or contractors requiring access to the Confidential Information in connection with providing the Services;
  - B. Use the Confidential Information solely for the purpose of carrying out its obligations;
  - C. Not permit the Confidential Information to be reproduced except to the extent reasonably required to carry out its obligations;
  - D. Not do anything that would cause the disclosing party or its Personnel to breach their obligations under Privacy Law; and
  - E. Notify the other party as soon as possible upon becoming aware of any breach of this clause.

## 9. Privacy

- 9.1 Each party and its Personnel must:
  - A. Comply with Privacy Laws; and
  - B. Do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the other party to comply with Privacy Laws, including the development of documentation to demonstrate compliance with Privacy Laws, as agreed between the parties;
- 9.2. In particular, Service NSW acknowledges that:
  - A. The collection of personal or health information will take place in compliance with the Privacy Laws, as modified by section 15 of the Service Act; and

B. the use, disclosure, storage and retention of such information will be in accordance with the Privacy Laws, and in accordance with applicable policies.

Schedule 3 documents the respective responsibilities of Service NSW and the Council in relation to the collection, storage, use, retention and disclosure of personal information.

- 9.4 Personal and health Information collected, used, disclosed or retained between the parties will be managed and retained by the parties in accordance with the *State Records Act 1998* (NSW) and all other applicable laws, including Privacy Laws.
- 9.5 Once either of the Parties has reasonable grounds to believe there has been unauthorised access to, unauthorised disclosure of, or a loss of Personal or Health Information, dealt with in connection with this Agreement ('Data Incident'):
  - A. The party must immediately (but in any event, no later than 72 hours of becoming aware of the Data Incident) notify the other party of that contravention together with all relevant information relating to the contravention;
  - B. Consult with the other party as to which party should have primary responsibility for investigating and dealing with the breach or possible breach;
  - C. Consider, having regard to the scope of the Data Incident and the nature of the personal or health information involved, together with any other relevant factors, whether the Data Incident is serious.
  - D. The party with primary responsibility for the breach must notify the Privacy Commissioner as soon as practicable that a serious Data Incident has occurred; and
  - E. The parties must co-operate and collaborate in relation to assessment and investigation of the Data Incident, and action required to prevent future Data Incidents.
- 9.6 If either of the Parties receives a complaint or request for an internal review of conduct in relation to a breach or alleged breach of a Privacy Law, including under section 53 of the PPIP Act, (a **'Complaint'**), the following will apply:
  - A. It is the responsibility of the party that receives the Complaint to perform a preliminary investigation to determine the party responsible for the conduct;
  - B. If responsibility lies wholly with the party that received the Complaint, then that party is responsible for responding to the complaint or conducting the internal review of conduct;
  - C. If, after performing the investigation, the relevant party reasonably considers that the Complaint should be transferred to the other party, it will (after obtaining the consent of the customer) promptly transfer the Complaint and any further information obtained by the party from its preliminary investigation, to the other party, no later than 20 days after receipt of the original Complaint;
  - D. If the Complaint relates jointly to the conduct of both parties, then the party that received the Complaint will (after obtaining the consent of the Customer) notify the other party no later than 20 days after its receipt of the original Complaint and provide any further information obtained by that party from its preliminary investigation. The parties will then work together to coordinate a joint response from the parties within 60 days of receipt of the Complaint. This response may include an internal review of conduct.

## **10. Intellectual Property**

- 10.1 Each party will retain the Intellectual Property Rights in its Existing Material.
- 10.2 Each party agrees to grant to the other party a non-exclusive and royalty free licence to use, sublicence, adapt, or reproduce:
  - A. Their Existing Material; and
  - B. All methodologies, processes, techniques, ideas, concepts and know-how embodied in their Existing Material,
  - C. To the extent their Existing Material is required for use by the other party, solely in connection with provision of the Services.
- 10.3 Each party represents and warrants to the other party that it has all required rights and consents for its Existing Material to be used for the Services.
- 10.4 Intellectual Property Rights in all New Contract Material will vest in the Council.
- 10.5 The Council grants a perpetual, worldwide, irrevocable and royalty free licence to the Intellectual Property Rights in all New Contract Material to Service NSW for the purpose of performing the Services.
- 10.6 Subject to clauses 10.1 and 10.4, Service NSW will own all Intellectual Property Rights in the provision of the Services, including any solution and service design.

## **11. Performance Management and Continuous Improvement**

- 11.1 Service NSW for Business does not require any provisions in relation to performance management
- 11.2 Service NSW for Business will work collaboratively with Council to ensure continuous improvement of its services to Council.
- 11.3 Any future extension of this Agreement by Service NSW with Council will specify the relevant performance management and continuous improvement provisions required.

## 12. Reporting

- 12.1 Service NSW for Business does not require any reporting arrangements
- 12.2 Any future arrangements that require reporting will be outlined in a Schedule to this Agreement.

## 13. Change Management

- 13.1 Each party will comply with the Change Management Process set out in Schedule 4.
- 13.2 The parties agree to complete a Change Request in the form set out in Schedule 4 to add to or vary the Services.

## 14. Governance

14.1 The parties agree to comply with the Governance Framework.

## 15. Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

15.1 Each party will maintain Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan arrangements to ensure that each party is able to continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or where performance is not possible, resume performance as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of a Disaster.

## 16. Dispute Resolution

- 16.1 In the event of a dispute between the parties, a party will:
  - Raise the dispute with the other party's Relationship Manager and use best efforts to resolve the dispute;
  - If the dispute is not resolved within a reasonable period, the Chief Executive of the Council or their delegate will meet with the Chief Executive Officer of Service NSW (or their delegate) with a view to resolving the dispute.
  - If the dispute is not resolved under clauses 16.1(b) within a reasonable period, attempt to resolve any dispute in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M1997-26.
- 16.2 Despite the existence of a dispute, each party must continue to perform its obligations.

## 17. Termination

- 17.1 Either party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part by giving the other party 90 days written notice or as otherwise agreed.
- 17.2 On notice of termination or where Service NSW is otherwise required to cease to perform some or all of the Program, the parties will work together in good faith to finalise and agree a transition out plan to facilitate smooth and orderly transition of the relevant Program to the Council or the Council's nominated third party. Where the parties cannot agree, the dispute resolution provisions in clause 16 will apply.
- 17.3 Upon termination, each party agrees to return all Data and property belonging to the other party within 30 days of the termination date and comply with the transition out plan agreed under clause 17.2.

## 18. Miscellaneous

18.1 Entire Agreement

This Agreement supersedes all previous Agreements, understandings, negotiations, representations and warranties and embodies the entire Agreement between the Parties about its subject matter.

18.2 Survival

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The following clauses survive termination or expiry of the Agreement: Clauses 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and any other clause which by its nature is intended to survive termination or expiry of the Agreement.

#### 18.3 Notices

A notice under this Agreement must be in writing and delivered to the address or email address of the recipient party.

18.4 Variation

All variations to this Agreement and all consents, approvals and waivers made under this Agreement must be evidenced in writing and variations signed by both parties.

18.5 Waiver

If a party does not exercise (or delays in exercising) any of its rights, that failure or delay does not operate as a waiver of those rights.

10.6. Applicable law

The Agreement is governed by, and is to be construed in accordance with, the laws in force in NSW.

18.7 Counterparts

The Agreement may consist of a number of counterparts and if so, the counterparts taken together constitute one and the same instrument.

## 19. Execution

Mid-Western Regional Council has reviewed and accepts this Agreement

Signed for and on behalf of <b>Mid-Western</b> <b>Regional Council</b> by its authorised signatory	Signed for and on behalf of <b>Service NSW</b> by its authorised signatory
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:
Signature:	Signature:
Witness:	Witness:
Signature:	Signature:

## Schedules

#### Schedule 1 - Definitions

In these Partnership Agreement, except where a contrary intention appears:

**Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan** means a business continuity and disaster recovery plan which documents the back-up and response actions each of the parties will take to continue its obligations if a Disaster occurs;

**Change Request** means the request for a change to the scope of Services in the form set out in Schedule 4;

Commencement Date means the date of start of this Agreement.

**Confidential Information** of a party means any written or oral information of a technical, business or financial nature disclosed to the other party, including its employees or agents, by the disclosing Party (whether orally or in writing) whether before or after the Commencement Date, that:

- A. is by its nature confidential; or
- B. is designated as confidential; or
- C. the other party knows or ought to know is confidential,
- D. but does not include information which:
  - a. is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this Agreement; or
  - b. is in the lawful possession of the Party without restriction in relation to disclosure before the date of receipt of the information; or
  - c. is required to be disclosed by Law, government policy or legal process.

Contact Centre has the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

Continuous Improvement Principles have the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

Continuous Improvement Process has the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

**Data** means the data of each party and all data and information relating to their operations, Personnel, assets, customers and systems in whatever form that may exist, including Confidential Information;

**Disaster** means an event that causes, or is likely to cause, a material adverse effect on the provision of the Services that cannot be managed within the context of normal operating procedures including interruption, destruction or other loss of operational capacity;

**Existing Material** means any material that is developed prior to entering into a Partnership Agreement, or developed independently of a Partnership Agreement, and includes any enhancements and modifications to its Existing Material created as part of a Partnership Agreement;

HRIP Act means the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW);

**Instrument of Delegation** means the instruments of delegation (including its terms and conditions) made by the Council in relation to the Delegated Functions.

**Intellectual Property Rights** includes patent, knowhow, copyright, moral right, design, semi-conductor, or circuit layout rights, trademark, trade, business or company names or other proprietary rights and any rights to registration of such rights, whether created before or after the Commencement Date, in Australia or elsewhere;

Middle Office has the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

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**Moral Rights** means the right of integrity of authorship and the right not to have authorship falsely attributed, as confined by the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth) and the rights of similar nature anywhere in the world, whether in existence before or after the Commencement Date;

New Contract Material means new data created, other than the solution or service design;

Partnership Agreement means these terms and conditions and includes Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Personal Information has the meaning given to it in the Privacy Laws, as amended from time to time;

**Personnel** means the person or persons employed or otherwise contracted by either party under this Agreement, as the context requires;

PPIP Act means the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW);

**Privacy Law** means any law that applies to either or both of the parties which affect privacy or any personal information or any health information (including its collection, storage, use or processing) including:

- A. the PPIP Act; and
- B. the HRIP Act.

**Program** means the Easy to do Business program;

Quarterly Forecast has the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

**Relationship Manager** means the nominated relationship managers of either party, as set out in the Service Agreement, or as otherwise nominated by a party from time to time;

Service Act means the Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services) Act 2013 (NSW);

Service Centre has the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

**Service NSW Standard Operating Conditions** means the standard operating conditions met by Service NSW in the usual course of its performance of the Services set out in Schedule 2;

**Subcontractor** means a third party to which Service NSW has subcontracted the performance or supply of any Services;

## Schedule 2

#### 1. Service NSW Standard Operating Conditions

In addition to the Partnership Agreement this section covers the standard omnichannel service inclusions.

#### 1.1. Service Centre

Similar services as those available at Service Centres may be offered through Mobile Service Centres. The Mobile Service Centre timetable is published regularly on the Service NSW website.

Inclusion	Description
Concierge and digital assisted services	A Service NSW Concierge will greet and direct customers to the appropriate channel and dispense a ticket where applicable. If the transaction can be completed online, a Digital Service Representative will assist the customer to complete the transaction
Customer sentiment surveys	Before leaving the centre, customers will be offered the option of leaving feedback via a digital terminal

#### 1.2. Contact Centre

Similar services (to that of phone-based) may be offered through a web chat feature accessible via the Service NSW website.

Inclusion	Description
Virtual hold call back system	During high volume periods, customers will be offered the option of leaving their details with an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) auto attendant. Customers can hang up while holding their place in the queue. Their call will be returned by the next available operator
Inbound number	Service NSW will answer all inbound enquiries on 13 77 88 as 'Service NSW'
Call coding	A Customer Service Representative will record the customer's reason for calls and the outcome
Customer sentiment surveys	Once the call is complete, customers will be offered the option of leaving feedback via an automated IVR system

## 1.3. Middle Office

Inclusion	Description

Enquiry triage	Service NSW will triage enquiries received to <u>info@service.nsw.gov.au</u> or via Service NSW website 'Contact Us' page and	
	<ul> <li>Resolve these enquiries or;</li> </ul>	
	_ Refer it to the appropriate business area at the Council	
Enquiry coding	A Customer Service Representative will record the customer's reason for enquiring and the outcome	

## 1.4. Service NSW Website and Mobile App

Inclusion	Description	
Scheduled maintenance and planned outages	Service NSW will conduct regularly scheduled maintenance of the website and mobile app. 10 business days of notice will be provided regarding outages from planned and scheduled maintenance	
	Maintenance activities with negligible impact or outage, such as enhancements to optimise for cybersecurity or performance, may occur without notification to the Council	

#### 1.5. Service NSW for Business

Service NSW for Business provides a multi-channel service including digital, phone and face-to-face services for metro and regional businesses in NSW and develops relationships with councils and business associations to promote the offering to local businesses.

Inclusion	Description	
Relationship management	Business Customer Service staff initiate and maintain relationships with councils and business associations to promote awareness and use of the service offering by such stakeholders and their local business community. It may include, but is not limited to, information sharing, regular liaison at events and stakeholder premises and issue of surveys.	
Scheduled Maintenance and Planned Outages	Digital products controlled by Service NSW for Business will be regularly updated, upgraded and maintained without any outages.	

## 1.6. Training

Service NSW will provide appropriately trained Personnel to deliver the Services.

#### 1.7. Language

Service NSW will provide services in English and may arrange translation and interpreter services for customers from non-English speaking backgrounds if required.

#### 1.8. Branding

Unless otherwise set out in the Partnership Agreement, Service NSW channels are singularly branded. Marketing communication is limited to Service NSW led or co-led campaigns and programs.

#### 1.9. Contractors and Agents

Service NSW may use contractors and agents in connection with the delivery of Services. Such agents and contractors are approved persons under Part 2 Section 12 of the Service Act.

#### 1.10. Out of Scope Services

Any item, service or deliverable that is not specified in a Partnership Agreement is deemed to be out of scope for Service NSW.

#### 2. Operational Framework

Service NSW operational framework outlines how operations are managed on a day-to-day basis.

Operational Support	Description	
Knowledge Management	Service NSW creates and maintains support material (knowledge articles) for serving customers. These will be sent to the Council for endorsement of content accuracy bi-annually	
Complaints Management	Service NSW will record complaints and its supporting information unless resolved at the outset. Service NSW will contact the Council where assistance is required	
Issues Management	Issues relating to existing products and services should be raised via <u>partnerships@service.nsw.gov.au</u> or directly with the Relationship Manager	
	The Relationship Manager will assess the issue and facilitate a resolution within Service NSW, providing regular updates	
Quality control framework/ compliance	Service NSW has a quality control framework that governs transactional activities in line with risk assessment at the time of onboarding	
	The framework includes:	
	<ul> <li>Regular review of contact centre calls, including being assessed against procedure and process used by the agent during the call</li> <li>Daily quality checks of transactions undertaken by the service centre</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Quarterly compliance reviews and certifications provided by all service delivery channels</li> </ul>	

#### 2.1. IT Operations & Support

Service NSW runs a 24/7, 365 days a year service desk. Unplanned interruptions or degradations in quality of service should be raised to the Service NSW Service Desk on 1300 697 679 (option 2) or <u>servicedesk@service.nsw.gov.au</u>

Incident response times in our production environment are prioritised based upon urgency and impact, with associated response and resolution times.

Priority Code	Service Level Target Response/Resolution Time
P1 - Critical	Response: Immediate response, action/update within 15 minutes Resolution: 2 hours
P2 - High	Response: Immediate response, action/update within 30 minutes Resolution: 4 hours
P3 - Medium	Response: 8 hours Target Resolution: 10 working days
P4 - Low	Response: Email notification of call being logged within 2 days. Response by email or phone within 2 working days Target Resolution: 20 working days

Where vendors or other government platforms are involved, Service NSW utilises a best practice vendor governance framework for service level Agreements and for priority 1 and 2 incidents.

#### 2.2. System and Security Maintenance

Service NSW complies with the NSW Government Cyber Security Policy and operates an information security management system that is certified against ISO 27001. These engagement Terms do not extend the certification scope to the Council's specific activities.

#### 3. Customer Payments

Service NSW will collect payments from customers for transactions set out in the Service Agreement. Cash, cheque, money order, credit or debit card may be accepted and merchant fees plus GST will be recovered.

Service NSW will provide remittances and reconciliation files to the Council which include:

- A. Credit T+2 value for cash, cheques\* and bank card payments
- B. Credit T+2 value for AMEX payments
- C. Debit any cheques dishonoured
- D. Debit any card payment chargebacks
- E. Debit any refunds processed on behalf of the Council

Cheque payments received over \$50,000 will be remitted back to the Council once the funds clear the Service NSW remitting bank account.

#### 4. Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Service NSW will maintain an Enterprise Risk Management Framework focused on managing risks to Service NSW, including mitigation of the likelihood and impact of an adverse event occurring. As a function of risk management, business continuity management will enable Service NSW to minimise disruptive risks and restore and recover its business-critical services within acceptable predefined timeframes should an adverse event or other major business disruption occur.

Recovery and timeframes may be impacted when events or disruptions are related to dependencies on partner Agencies. The Parties will agree on Recovery Point Objectives and Recovery Time Objectives and associated charges prior to designing the system and will periodically review these objectives.

All systems and technology provided by Service NSW internally and through third-party vendors, operate through multiple data centres to achieve high availability. Service NSW systems are architectured, where practicable and possible, to ensure continuity of service in the event of a data centre disruption or outage.

#### Definitions

**Recovery Point Objectives** means the age of files that must be recovered from backup storage for normal operations to resume if a computer, system, or network goes down as a result of a hardware, program, or communications failure.

**Recovery Time Objectives** means the targeted duration of time and a service level within which a business process must be restored after a disaster (or disruption) in order to avoid unacceptable consequences associated with a break in business continuity.

#### 5. Continuous Improvement

Service NSW regularly reviews improvement ideas from employees and customers. We will provide you with any ideas relevant to your agency for consideration.

'Continuous Improvement' refers to identifying a process, system or policy opportunities that will deliver a benefit for our people, our customers or the NSW government. These improvements may be delivered in house where possible or by engaging our partnering agencies where further input or decisions are required under policy or legislation. A Continuous Improvement:

- A. Puts the customer first
- B. Makes the customer service job easier
- C. Improves a step in a process
- D. Changes the way a task is completed so that it doesn't take as long
- E. Reduces handling time and is cost effective
- F. Allows others to benefit from best practices
- G. Allows us to do things better locally, regionally or organisation-wide
- H. Is a low-investment process change and not a policy change
- I. Improves accountability within the various stages of the process
- J. Removes steps that don't add any value to a process

Service NSW will consider several factors such as cost to implement, cost savings, customer experience, team member experience and operational efficiency in prioritising continuous improvements.

#### 5.1. Continuous Improvement Process

The parties will identify new continuous improvement initiatives on an annual basis, with a 6-monthly check-in on ongoing continuous improvement initiatives.

When establishing a new continuous improvement initiative, the parties will classify the initiative based on

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whether it can be implemented as:

- A. part of the ongoing 'business as usual' services (cost and resourcing to be absorbed by Service NSW; or
- B. a new project initiative (cost and resourcing to be agreed by the parties).

A prioritisation process will be agreed upon between the parties to prioritise initiatives (for Service NSW, this will be performed by the Partnerships team).

The Council may be required to effect policy, system or regulatory changes to assist in delivering the service process improvement, as agreed with Service NSW. Where a review of Council policy, system or regulatory changes is requested by Service NSW from the Council, these should be conducted within timeframes agreed between the respective Relationship Managers.

## Schedule 3 – Privacy and Data Security

#### (a) General

- (i) Service NSW may collect, use, disclose, store and retain personal information when exercising functions for the Council:
- (ii) Where Service NSW exercises functions for the Council, Service NSW can share information it obtains with the Council without separately requesting the customer's consent. Service NSW can also share the information it obtains with any person that the Council is authorised or required to disclose the information to in accordance with the Service Act.

#### (b) Access to Agency Systems

(i) The Parties agree that Service NSW will not have access to the Council's information system.

#### (c) Collection of information

- (i) Service NSW may incidentally collect Personal Information via call recordings in the course of answering queries on behalf of Council or referring customers to Council. Personal Information collected may include: full name, address, contact number or email address.
- (ii) Service NSW will take reasonable steps to ensure that the Personal or Health Information it collects on behalf of the Council is, relevant, accurate, up-to-date and complete.
- (iii) Service NSW will provide a privacy collection notice to customers whenever it collects their information.
- (iv) If Service NSW collects personal information for its own internal purposes, when exercising functions for the Council, it will ensure that the privacy collection notice meets the requirements of section 10 of the PPIP Act in light of section 15(3) of the Service Act.
- (v) The notice will address each of the matters that a privacy collection notice is, by law, required to address. Service NSW will develop the content of the notice in consultation with the Mid-Western Regional Council.

#### (d) Internal records maintained by Service NSW

- (i) Under the *Service Act*, Service NSW is permitted to collect, maintain and use the following records for its internal administrative purposes, including for the purposes of its interactions with customers for whom functions are exercised:
  - Details of transactions between customers and Service NSW
  - The preferences of customers for transacting matters with Service NSW and the Mid-Western Regional Council, and
  - Other information about customers.
- (ii) Service NSW collects, maintains and uses the following information for its internal administrative purposes:
  - Details of transactions between customers and Service NSW
  - The preferences of customers for transacting matters with Service NSW and the Mid-Western Regional Council, and

Other information about customers.

#### (e) Use of information

- (i) Service NSW can use information in accordance with the Service Act, PPIP Act and HRIP Act.
- (ii) Service NSW uses Personal Information for the purposes of assisting customers in directing queries to Council, training and quality purposes.

#### (f) Disclosure

- (i) Service NSW can disclose information in accordance with the *Service Act*, PPIP Act and HRIP Act.
- Where Service NSW performs a transaction for a customer, when exercising functions for the Council, it will ask the customer for consent before sharing that information with a different agency,

#### (g) Retention

(i). Personal Information collected via call recordings is stored in Genesys. The length of data retention will be directly related to the purpose for which it was collected and retained. Data is maintained for the minimum period required. Call recordings are available for 3 months and subsequently archived. (h)

#### (h) Data Security

(i). Personal Information stored in Genesys follows a comprehensive User Access Matrix controlled by Government Technology Platforms Virtual Contact Centre Team. Role based access to the system is granted to users at the minimum level required to perform their duties and to protect against unauthorised access, use, modification or disclosure. Access vi SSO with dfsi.okta.com. The Genesys PureCloud environment is whitelisted and only users on the corporate network or VPN can access the platform. The User Access Matrix is reviewed monthly and a detailed review is conducted every 6 months. The User Access Matrix is a comprehensive document that shows details such as the time of last login, date the account was disabled, date of termination, date of extension, date of role review, name of the reviewer.

#### (i) Privacy Management plans

The parties agree to update and periodically review their privacy management plans or other relevant policy documents so that any person can ascertain whether Service NSW or the Council holds personal information relating to that person and if so, the nature of the information, the main purposes for which it is used and the person's entitlement to access the information, in relation to the services covered by this Agreement.

#### (j) Access to and amendment of Personal Information

(i) Service NSW agrees that it will provide any individual who requests it with access to their own personal information without excessive delay and without any expense, in relation to information it holds as a result of exercising functions for the Council.

#### (k) Privacy Officer

The parties have nominated a Privacy Officer who is the point of contact for dealing with complaints, applications for internal reviews, data breaches, employee education and other privacy matters.

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Privacy Officers can be contacted as follows:

Service NSW: Privacy Officer Service NSW 2-24 Rawson Place, Sydney NSW 2000 Phone: 13 77 88 Email: privacy@service.nsw.gov.au

Mid-Western Regional Council: [Name of Council Privacy Officer ]:

## Schedule 4- Change Management

#### 1. Change Management Process

Change is defined as any alteration to services, process, technology or product. Changes may be initiated by Service NSW or the Council. Where a change to the Services is requested by a party, set out below is the following process:

- 1.1. The party requesting the change will notify the other party's Relationship Manager as soon as possible;
- 1.2. The Relationship Managers will meet within 5 days to discuss the requested change;
- 1.3. The Relationship Managers will work collaboratively to conduct a high-level change assessment of the change, and agree and draft a Change Request, considering the following factors:
  - A. Current state and desired future state outcomes;
  - Impacts on customers and both parties informed by end-to-end customer journey; Β.
  - C. Additional resource effort; potential cost and timing of implementation;
  - D. Implementation and testing requirements;
  - E. Legislation/policy that may be required;
  - Whether variation to the Partnership Agreement will be required; and F.
  - G. **Continuous Improvement Principles**
- 1.4. The parties will sign the Change Request, which will be incorporated into this Agreement.

Where a change relates to Service NSW's IT systems, the Council will notify Service NSW within a reasonable period to outline the proposed change and requested timeframes. Service NSW will consider the change and advise whether an increased cost to implement the change is required.

Service NSW will assess the results and implement corrective action to ensure sustainability of the change to the Services. Changes to the Services will be reported on in the monthly management meeting between Relationship Managers.

#### 2. Change Request Template

This Change Request is created in accordance with the Partnership Agreement		
Date of Change Request		
Originator of Change Request		
Proposed Implementation Date		
Cost	<cost></cost>	
Summary and scope:		
Service NSW responsibilities:		
29/3/21	21	

Council responsibilities: Council responsibilities: Change plan: Change impact (Including the effect on service levels): Change impact (Including the effect on service levels): Assumptions and exclusions: List of documents forming part of this change request: Clauses affected by this change request:



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Bank Account Name	
BSB	number.
Account Number	account number.

## PROJECT / ACTIVITY DETAILS

Name of Project / Activity	Monthly Community Newsletter Community Capers	
Amount of funding requested	Giostro type funding amount requested.	
	START (click to tick) FINISH (click to tick)	
Start and Finish date	01/07/2022 lick to type start dates.	Click to type finish dates. 31/06/2023
	The publishing, printing and distribution of the Rylstone Kandos district's monthly newsletter Community Capers.	
Briefly, describe Project / Activity	Click to type project description.	



#### ADDRESS CRITERIA

This newsletter has benefited the Mid-Western Region Community for over two decades through publicising new and existing businesses, community events, items of interest, community announcements and services across a range of providers each month. Our information on recent bushfires and the help and support available for residents has been recognised as invaluable to our community. We provide mental health information and a range of other health services information. We also acknowledge residents and organisations that deserve recognition each month including Australia Day and Senior's Week Awards. We reclected with the receive via email from Mid-Western Regional Council thereby supporting and adding to Council initiatives across the region.
Community Capers is distributed to 2,000 residents across the district. Copies are also placed in newsagents, information outlets and Council's offices. It is also available on KRR's website at krrfm.org.au and the rylstone.com website. Participants include over 20 organisations and groups who contact us regularly with updates and requests to be included in our newsletter. We have a team of community members who help with folding and packaging each month and a number of these attend community events to report on these events and provide information for subsequent editions of our newsletter. Click to type expected number of participants.
Our organisation has consulted extensively with other local groups and organisations. We are strongly supported by a number of community groups and regularly consult with them including Rotary, Scouts, Fire Brigades, Rescue Squad, Rylstone District Historical Society, Kandos Museum, Kandos and Rylstone CWA, Cementa and Rylstone StreetFeast. We consult regularly with our local hospital, Home and Community Care and Transport and many other community groups. All of these groups will be involved with this ongoing project over the coming months. Click to type other local community groups involved.
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc. has been publishing Community Capers for nearly 15 years. We have ample capacity through our membership and community support to deliver this project/activity throughout the coming year. It's success and favourable feedback which has increased in recent years is testimony to our organisation's capacity and experience. Click to type outline of your organisation's capacity to deliver the project.



	Community Grant (amount sought from Council)	12000
Project Income	Expected Sales Revenue i.e. Entry Fee, Membership Sales	
	Other Income	5500
TOTAL INCOME		17500

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE		19030

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The shortfall of \$1530 will be funded by Kandos Rylstone Community Radio's contribution from its own resources.

If positive or surplus budget, please provide further details/explanation what this surplus will be used for.

Click here to add details.

(Note: Unspent grants >\$200 will be required to be returned to MWRC)

#### FINANCIAL DETAILS

 Is your group/organisation Incorporated?
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 NO (dick to tick)

 Have you registered for Goods & Services Tax (GST) purposes?
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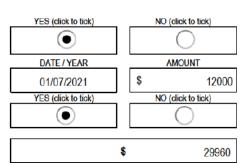


Has your organisation/group previously received a Community Grant from Council?

If yes, please advise date and amount

Did your group return the acquittal form?

Closing bank balance from the most recent bank statement or treasurer's report



Comment on cash set aside for specific projects (optional)

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc. needs a substantial cash reserve for maintenance of its transmitter equipment and in the event of a severe equipment malfunction or breakdown. A new transmitter for instance could cost in the vicinity of \$15,000. Our ongoing annual costs such as electricity alone are substantial.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

If the following are not attached with the application, this may result in the application not being considered.

A copy of the group's/organisation's most recent bank statement or treasurer's report

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Name	
Position	
Date	28/04/2022

I confirm that the information contained in the application form and within the attachments are true and correct.

I confirm that this application has been submitted with the full knowledge and support of the applicant.

I acknowledge the Community Grants Program acquittal requirements and understand that surplus funds may be required to be returned to Council

I am aware that this application will be reproduced in the Council Business Paper, and authorise public release of information provided.

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APPLICANTS DETAILS	
Name of Organisation	Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc (combined project)
Contact Person	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
ABN	81995982086
Bank Account Name	
BSB	
Account Number	

#### **PROJECT / ACTIVITY DETAILS**

Name of Project / Activity	Mudgee Showground Carols	
Amount of funding requested	\$ 5,000.00	
	START (click to tick)	FINISH (click to tick)
Start and Finish date	Saturday, 17th December, 2022	Saturday, 17th December, 2022
Briefly, describe Project / Activity	Project/activity is annual celebration of Christmas for Mudgee community. The event gives Mudgee families and others the opportunity to come together to celebrate Christmas in an alcohol-free family environment. Santa lands on Showground in a Commercial Helicopter sponsored helicopter. The event comes to a conclusion with a fantastic fireworks spectacular.	



## ADDRESS CRITERIA The opportunity for members of the Mid-Western Region community to come together to celebrate the Christmas spirit in an alcohol-free environment is very special. The feeling of the evening is one of goodwill and friendship. How will your project benefit the Mid-Western Region Community? (Note: limited number of characters) An audience of around 3,000 is expected and around 100 people, including local bands, school choirs, etc., will be part of those leading the crowd with Christmas Carols. What is the expected amount of Apart from the 3,000 at the Showground, many cars line the fences to witness the firework resident participation? finale. Many of these are families with very small children. (Please provide no. of estimated participants) (Note: limited number of characters) The two Mudgee Rotary clubs work closely together for this event. What level of consultation and We also work with 1st Mudgee Scouts, Mudgee VRA, Mudgee RFS, St John Ambulance and collaboration with other local groups has your organisation undertaken? anticipate that in 2022 Mudgee Pre-School Kindergarten will again assist with face-painting. (ie what other local community groups are or will be involved in this project?) (Note: limited number of characters) The two Mudgee Rotary clubs have run this even very successful for 10 years. We believe the event will be at least as successful as previous years. In 2021, Mudgee Showground Carols were held on the arena itself and we would appreciate if Outline your organisation's capacity we are able to run the event on the arena again. to deliver the Project / Activity OR It would be appreciated if, as in previous years, Council would also sponsor the Showground describe previous experiences. hire fee and waive the associated bond. It would also be appreciated if Council would assist the Mudgee Rotary clubs and Mudgee (Note: limited number of characters) Showground Carols by erecting the Carols banners in early December and removing them in early January.



	Community Grant (amount sought from Council)	\$ 5,000.00
Project Income	Expected Sales Revenue i.e. Entry Fee, Membership Sales	\$ 3,000.00
	Other Income	\$ 34,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 42,000.00

List proposed cash expenditure (provide copies of quotes for equipment)

	Audio equipment & fireworks	\$ 30,400.00
Project Expenditure	Candles and fees to musical director, camera person, sound tech, etc.	\$ 8,000.00
	Miscellaneous expenses	\$ 1,600.00
	Donations to assisting organisations	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 42,000.00

TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT \$0.00

If positive or surplus budget, please provide further details/explanation what this surplus will be used for.

In accordance with our agreement with Mid-Western Regional Council, small profits raised are being consolidated to enable us to build a contingency against poor sponsorship or wet weather in future years. In 2021 (there being no Carols in 2020 due to Covid), the profit was approximately \$1300.00.

(Note: Unspent grants >\$200 will be required to be returned to MWRC)

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

 Is your group/organisation Incorporated?
 YES (dick to tick)
 NO (click to tick)

 Have you registered for Goods & Services Tax (GST) purposes?
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 Do you have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? Note: If you do not have an ABN please attach a 'Statement by Supplier' form
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	YES (click to tick)	NO (click to tick)
Has your organisation/group previously received a Community Grant from Council?	۲	$\bigcirc$
	DATE / YEAR	AMOUNT
If yes, please advise date and amount	2021	\$ 5,000.00
	YES (click to tick)	NO (click to tick)
Did your group return the acquittal form?	۲	$\bigcirc$
Closing bank balance from the most recent bank statement or treasurer's report		\$ 20,094.93

Comment on cash set aside for specific projects (optional)

These funds are part of the contingency being built (as mentioned previously). Between now and Carols, funds are retained to ensure the required cash flow is available to fund Carols, bearing in mind sponsorship is not always available prior to the event. Additional information is available on request - eg, public liability insurance and bank statements.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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If your group is not incorporated, please supply a letter from your auspicing body

### AUTHORISATION OF APPLICANT

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Position	
Date	1 June 2022

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✓	I acknowledge the Community Grants Program acquittal requirements and understand that surplus funds may be required to be returned to Council.
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APPLICANTS DETAILS	
Name of Organisation	Western Region Academy of Sport Inc (WRAS)
Contact Person	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
ABN	71 734 318 096
Bank Account Name	
BSB	
Account Number	

### **PROJECT / ACTIVITY DETAILS**

Name of Project / Activity	Annual operation of the Western Region Academy of Sport		
Amount of funding requested	\$ 1,512.00		
	START (click to tick)	FINISH (click to tick)	
Start and Finish date	01 July 2022	30-June 2023	
Briefly, describe Project / Activity	WRAS provides regional athletes and coaches with pathways to progress to higher levels of sports representation. Athletes receive intensive training sessions, education, sports performance support and elite level competition. WRAS members receive opportunities not necessarily available to regional sportspeople.		



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### ADDRESS CRITERIA

How will your project benefit the Mid-Western Region Community? (Note: limited number of characters)	Athletes selected in WRAS programs are provided with opportunities to be identified by State Sporting Organisations and progress to high levels of sports representation. WRAS also focuses on athlete's holistic development through off-field education helping them to become excellent role models in their community. Local sporting associations benefit from the enhanced skills and knowledge of WRAS coaches, managers and umpires when they volunteer in their home towns. WRAS supports local business paying a local gym to provide weekly sessions for athletes. WRAS provided a Letter of Support to Mid-Western Council for the proposed Putta Bucca Sports facility in Mudgee. WRAS members are supported with travel subsidies when it is necessary to travel outside the region for elite level competitions.
What is the expected amount of resident participation? (Please provide no. of estimated participants) (Note: limited number of characters)	In 2022/23 WRAS will conduct programs for basketball, cycling, golf, high-performance, hockey, indigenous, lone-star, netball, para-sport and triathlon athletes. Mid-Western athletes and coaches are encouraged to apply for positions in these programs. Information will be available on the WRAS website, Facebook and emailed to local sporting associations. Community members are able to apply for positions on the WRAS Board of Management - advertised on WRAS website in April prior to the AGM in May each year. In 2021/22 - 13 Mid-Western community members were involved with WRAS – 3 netball, 2 lone star and 2 triathlon athletes were selected in sports programs, 4 athletes attended the Indigenous athlete talent identification day in May 2022 and 2 community members volunteered to assist the athletes (a basketball coach and a CSU student intern).
What level of consultation and collaboration with other local groups has your organisation undertaken? (ie what other local community groups are or will be involved in this project?) (Note: limited number of characters)	WRAS shares information about our programs for talented junior athletes with Mid Western Region sporting associations and schools to ensure athletes and coaches are aware of the opportunities available to them. Each year WRAS provide Councillors with information about 'WRAS athletes in the Mid-Western Regional Council area'. The 2021-22 summary is attached. WRAS representatives would be happy to meet with Councillors if they would like to learn more about the opportunities available to your community members. If Council would like to provide WRAS with a local contact to help us share information with your community, WRAS would appreciate that assistance.
Outline your organisation's capacity to deliver the Project / Activity OR describe previous experiences. (Note: limited number of characters)	WRAS has been operating since 1991 and has granted scholarships to over 4200 athletes from the 17 LGAs in our catchment. In 2021/22 WRAS supported 159 athletes and 23 regional coaches and managers. An additional 50 volunteers (interns, board members, parent helpers) assisted with the development of the WRAS athletes. Many WRAS graduates have gone on to represent NSW or Australia in their chosen sport including paralympian Kurt Fearnley and cyclist Mark Renshaw. WRAS currently has 17 Hall of Fame athletes. A list of these regional athletes that have competed at the Olympics or World Championships can be viewed on the WRAS website http://wras.org.au/hall-of-fame-and-life-members

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	Community Grant (amount sought from Council)	\$ 1,512.00
Project Income	Expected Sales Revenue i.e. Entry Fee, Membership Sales	\$ 63,500.00
	Other Income	\$ 385,124.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 450,136.00

List proposed cash expenditure (provide copies of quotes for equipment)

Project Expenditure	Staff	\$ 277,000.00
	Sports Programs	\$ 71,000.00
	Travel	\$ 45,000.00
	Education	<b>\$ 1</b> 5,000.00
	Operating Expenses	\$ 33,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 441,600.00

TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT

If positive or surplus budget, please provide further details/explanation what this surplus will be used for.

WRAS is a not-for-profit organisation supported by an annual contribution from the NSW Government. It is expected that WRAS maintains a cash reserve equivalent to at least 12 months operating expenses. Any surplus goes towards this goal.

(Note: Unspent grants >\$200 will be required to be returned to MWRC)

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

Is your group/organisation Incorporated? Have you registered for Goods & Services Tax (GST) purposes? Do you have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? Note: If you do not have an ABN please attach a 'Statement by Supplier' form

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\$ 8,536.00

Has your organisation/group previously received a Community Grant from Council?	YES (click to tick)	NO (click to tick)		
	DATE / YEAR	AMOUNT		
If yes, please advise date and amount	2021	\$ 751.00		
Did your group return the acquittal form?	YES (click to tick)	NO (click to tick)		
Closing bank balance from the most recent bank statement or treasurer's report		\$ 773,329.00		

Comment on cash set aside for specific projects (optional)

WRAS audited financial statements for year ended 31 December 2021 have been provided to Council (not approved for publication). WRAS is a not-for profit organisation supported by annual contributions from the NSW Government. WRAS is expected to maintain cash reserve equivalent to >12 months operating expenses. Unspent \$ from one program are spent on future programs.

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### AUTHORISATION OF APPLICANT

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Position	
Date	1 June 2022

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Name of Organisation	Business Mudgee
Contact Person	
Address	
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Email	
ABN	98 877 134 518
Bank Account Name	
BSB	
Account Number	

### **PROJECT / ACTIVITY DETAILS**

Name of Project / Activity	Heart of Cudgegong – Defib Project		
Amount of funding requested	\$ 5,690.00		
	START (click to tick)	FINISH (click to tick)	
Start and Finish date	1 July 2022	30 July 2022	
Briefly, describe Project / Activity	The Heart of Cudgegong – Defib Project will promote the location and installation of Defibrillators or Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all communities including Rylstone Kandos, Mudgee and outlying villages to positively impact cardiac arrest survival rates. To star we wish to install two 24/7 publicly accessible defibs in the Mudgee CBD and Caerleon areas.		



### ADDRESS CRITERIA

How will your project benefit the Mid-Western Region Community? (Note: limited number of characters)	This project will benefit the Mid-Western Region Community through improved access to AED equipment and improved health outcomes for both residents and visitors to our region. We understand that the use of an AED within the first three minutes of a cardiac arrest has shown to improve lifesaving outcomes of patients from 10% up to 70%. Currently there is no definitive database of the location and availability of AEDs in the Mid-Western Regional Council area and no way to quickly find the location of the closest AED in an emergency. This project will audit the number and location of AEDs in the region and then link that information with the Heart of the Nation app. Once the audit is complete it will highlight the AED access gaps. Initial research has shown no public 24/7 accessible AED devices in the Mudgee CBD or in the Caerleon residential area. Installation of AEDs in high traffic and residential areas are priorities.
What is the expected amount of resident participation? (Please provide no. of estimated participants) (Note: limited number of characters)	The project will take a holistic view of our region and involve every community in our Council area including: Running Stream, Ilford, Clandulla/Charbon, Kandos, Rylstone, Olinda, Lue, Bylong, Wollar, Turill, Ulan, Cooyal, Birriwa, Gulgong (already very active in increasing the number of AEDs in their community), Goolma, Mudgee, Hargraves, Windeyer, Meroo and Pyramul. Ideally, an AED should be accessible within three minutes of any person suffering a cardiac arrest. This will be a challenging goal to meet in our geographically spread region, but is worth striving for. Community groups, progress associations and businesses will be encouraged to fund raise for AEDs and this will be especially important in our far flung rural villages and districts without quick and easy access to hospital and MPS facilities where AEDs are normally found.
What level of consultation and collaboration with other local groups has your organisation undertaken? (ie what other local community groups are or will be involved in this project?) (Note: limited number of characters)	Business Mudgee has reached out to a number of groups and individuals to assess the level of community support and collaboration on offer. Strong support has been received from Greg Page (Yellow Wiggle) of the Heart of the Nation charity and he is keen to promote our region-wide approach nationally. We have also reached out to the Rylstone/Kandos Chamber of Commerce to coordinate AED promotion in their part of the region, Hargraves Progress Association has been approached, Mudgee Rotary is discussing involvement and we have been in communication with the dynamic Gulgong Heartbeat group. Karl Fletcher from NSW First Aid has also been highly supportive providing a lot of valuable information.
Outline your organisation's capacity to deliver the Project / Activity OR describe previous experiences. (Note: limited number of characters)	Business Mudgee (BM) represents 139 members across the region. We are actively involved in the community and have coordinated innumerable events and projects of varying sizes over the years. BM has been a leading proponent and coordinator of the bi-annual Clock Awards business award programme; in 2020 it launched the Magnificent Mudgee Business Awards. It has promoted Business Expos, Business-After-Hours events and Business Breakfast events each year, and Facebook, Wordpress and Instagram for Business training courses. BM has been actively involved in Pink Up Mudgee and major NRL and Soccer events encouraging local businesses to become involved and maximise the additional foot traffic in town. The Mudgee Money project has delivered major positive economic benefits in our business community. We

have access to professional secretariat support and a highly engaged volunteer committee.

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	Community Grant (amount sought from Council)	\$ 5,690.00
Project Income	Expected Sales Revenue i.e. Entry Fee, Membership Sales	\$ 0.00
	Other Income	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 5,690.00

#### List proposed cash expenditure (provide copies of quotes for equipment)

	AED device and external cabinet - Mudgee CBD	\$ 2,845.00
	AED device and external cabinet - Caerleon residential area	\$ 2,845.00
Project Expenditure		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 5,690.00

TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT

Any surplus will be used to promote the location of the AEDs to the community or training.

If positive or surplus budget, please provide further details/explanation what this surplus will be used for.

(Note: Unspent grants >\$200 will be required to be returned to MWRC)

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

ABN please attach a 'Statement by Supplier' form

Is your group/organisation Incorporated?	$\overline{\bullet}$		
Have you registered for Goods & Services Tax (GST) purposes?	$\bigcirc$	[	
Do you have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? Note: If you do not have an ABN please attach a 'Statement by Supplier' form	۲		

YES (click to tick)

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	YES (click to tick)	NO (click to tick)
Has your organisation/group previously received a Community Grant from Council?	۲	$\bigcirc$
	DATE / YEAR	AMOUNT
If yes, please advise date and amount	08/2020	\$ 10,000.00
Did your group return the acquittal form?	YES (click to tick)	NO (click to tick)
Closing bank balance from the most recent bank statement or treasurer's report		\$ 30,969.41

Comment on cash set aside for specific projects (optional)

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

If the following are not attached with the application, this may result in the application not being considered.

A copy of the group's/organisation's most recent bank statement or treasurer's report

A copy of the group's/organisation's public liability insurance

Where the group intends to purchase equipment, a copy of the quote/s obtained

Where the groups/organisations does not have an ABN, 'Statement by Supplier' is required

SUPPLIED YES	? (click to tick) NO
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If your group is not incorporated, please supply a letter from your auspicing body

### AUTHORISATION OF APPLICANT

Name	
Position	P
Date	16 June 2022

✓	I confirm that the information contained in the application form and within the attachments are true and correct.
✓	I confirm that this application has been submitted with the full knowledge and support of the applicant.
✓	I acknowledge the Community Grants Program acquittal requirements and understand that surplus funds may be required to be returned to Council.
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#### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

- EMAIL: After you complete this digital form, please save it to your computer and email to council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au
- DELIVER TO: Customer Service Locations

MUDGEE

86 Market Street

109 Herbert Street GULGONG 77 Louee Street RYLSTONE

MAIL TO: Mid-Western Regional Council Attn: Finance Department PO Box 156 MUDGEE NSW 2850

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COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

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DDRESS CRITERIA	
How will your project benefit the Mid-Western Region Community? (Note: imited number of characters)	Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Legacy has its office at 133 Market St. Mudgee. Mudgee Legacy offers a range of support for dependants of deceased and incapacitated velerans and their families. The Mudgee Legacy building is used as offices and meeting rooms. Each month there is a meeting / luncheon for the widows of the Mudgee community. The building is also used by community groups and other organisations. Mid West Regional Council granted us the funds to purchase the defibrillator in 2017 and it has been greatly appreciated and a great comfort for the elderly and frail people who attend functions in the building.
What is the expected amount of resident participation? (Please provide no. of estimated participants) (Note: limited number of characters)	War widows / widowers of the MWRC community. Also as backup for the emergency services such as ambulance, fire, SES. Our rooms are hired by various local community groups /organisations, dementia group activities and gatherings, funeral wakes and other meetings. For example, at a widows meeting / luncheon there would be at least 20 widows, some carers and up to 10 Legacy volunteers in attendance . Mudgee North-West Division of Sydney Legacy has approx 120 Dependants, 1 Office Manager and 50 Volunterr legatees.
What level of consultation and collaboration with other local groups has your organisation undertaken? (ie what other local community groups are or will be involved in this project?) (Note: limited number of characters)	We regularly consult with other local organisations: eg ; nuring homes, home care providers, rural nursing staff, medical practitioners and occupational therapists. These are all consulted on numerous occasions regarding health issues /concerns for our vulnerable agec seniors of our local MWRC community.
	Some Legacy volunteers are first aid trained and are able to use the defibrillator if it is ever required but the defibrillator must be maintained in perfect working order. As the unit was purchased in 2017, the battery is now out of date (and flat) as are the pads.
Outline your organisation's capacity to deliver the Project / Activity OR describe previous experiences. (Note: limited number of characters)	The 2 x 3.5kg CO2 fire extinguishers are also dated and need to be pressure tested as per regulations. It is cheaper to replace these than to have them serviced.

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DATE / YEAR

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Has your organisation/group previously received a Community Grant from Council?

If yes, please advise date and amount

Did your group return the acquittal form?

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### AUTHORISATION OF APPLICANT

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Position	
Date	24th June 2022

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