



# **MINUTES**

**of the**

**Special Meeting of the Council**

**held in the**

**Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George**

**on**

**Thursday 7th January 2021**

**Commencing at 9:00am**

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# MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

## OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:00am.

## COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

## ATTENDANCE

Crs SC O'Toole, RD Avery, RG Fuhrmeister, RW Lomman, SS Scriven, ID Todd and WN Winks

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Financial & Corporate Services) and Mr Andrew Boardman (Director Infrastructure Services)

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDANCE

Nil

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

**Councillor Ian Todd** declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS1** on the grounds that:

Cr Todd is a water allocation holder on the Balonne River with Sunwater and it may be perceived there is a conflict of interest

Councillor Todd indicated he would request to participate in the decision in accordance with S150ES.

**Councillor Robyn Fuhrmeister** declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS1** on the grounds that:

Cr Fuhrmeister holds a water title on the Balonne River with Sunwater and it may be perceived there is a conflict of interest.

Councillor Fuhrmeister indicated she would request to participate in the decision in accordance with S150ES.

**Councillor Rod Avery** declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EF(3) of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS1** on the grounds that:

Cr Avery is the holder of a small water licence on the St George Weir with Sunwater and it may be perceived there is a conflict of interest.

Councillor Avery indicated he would request to participate in the decision in accordance with S150ES.

## ST GEORGE SCHEME – PROPOSED WATER PROCUREMENT

**Councillor Ian Todd** declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS1** on the grounds that:

Cr Todd is a water allocation holder on the Balonne River with Sunwater and it may be perceived there is a conflict of interest

Councillor Todd requested to participate in the decision in accordance with S150ES however left the meeting at 9.02am for eligible Councillors to consider his participation.

Councillor Lomman moved Councillor Winks seconded:

That Council resolve under s150ES(3)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act ,2009 that Councillor Todd may participate in the decision despite having a perceived declarable conflict of interest in this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4)

Councillor Todd returned to the meeting the time being 9:03am.

**Councillor Robyn Fuhrmeister** declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS1** on the grounds that:  
Cr Fuhrmeister holds a water title on the Balonne River with Sunwater and it may be perceived there is a conflict of interest.

Councillor Fuhrmeister requested to participate in the decision in accordance with S150ES and remained in the meeting for the decision.

Councillor Scriven moved the motion Councillor Lomman seconded.

Council resolved under S150ES(3)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act ,2009 that Councillor Fuhrmeister may participate in the decision despite having a perceived declarable conflict of interest in this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4)

**Councillor Rod Avery** declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EF(3) of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS1** on the grounds that:

Cr Avery is the holder of a small water licence on the St George Weir with Sunwater and it may be perceived there is a conflict of interest.

Councillor Avery requested to participate in the decision in accordance with S150ES.

Councillor Todd moved the motion Councillor Fuhrmeister seconded.

Council resolved under s 150ES(3)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act, 2009 that Councillor Avery may participate in the decision despite having a declarable conflict of interest in this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6)

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council move into closed session, the time being 9:04am, in accordance with S254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012 relating to discuss confidential agenda item, **CIFS1**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **OPEN MEETING**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council move back into open session, the time being 9:50am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **(CIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

CIFS1

## **ST GEORGE SCHEME - PROPOSED WATER PROCUREMENT**

St George Scheme - Proposed Water Procurement

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council resolves to:

1. adopt the attached Tender Consideration Plan for the procurement of water in the St George Scheme;
2. amend its 2020/21 operational budget in accordance with S170(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, to increase expenditure by \$150,000, for the purchase of water from the St George Scheme;
3. enter into an agreement with Mallowa Irrigation Limited for the procurement of allocation water, as per the attached correspondence for the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years; and
4. delegate to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with S257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute the agreement with Mallowa Irrigation Limited for the purposes of securing water for the St George town water supply.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 9:50am.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of Council held on 21 January 2021.

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**MAYOR**