

Hunter

Joint Organisation

Minutes of the 20 September 2018 Extraordinary Board Meeting

The Board Room
4 Sandringham Avenue, Thornton

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES,**

Voting Directors Present

Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council
Cr Tracy Norman, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Kay Fraser, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Loretta Baker, Maitland City Council
Cr David West, MidCoast Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, City of Newcastle
Cr Sue Moore, Singleton Shire Council
Cr Ryan Palmer, Port Stephens Council
Cr Wayne Bedggood, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Non-voting Directors Present

Stephen Wills, Regional Director, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Stephen Glen, General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Coralie Nichols, General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
Adrian Panuccio, General Manager, MidCoast Council
Jeremy Bath, CEO, City of Newcastle
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr Martin Rush, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Morven Cameron, CEO, Lake Macquarie City Council
Fiona Plesman, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, Interim CEO, Hunter Joint Organisation

In attendance by invitation

Virginia Errington, Office of Local Government

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Tracy Norman
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

2. Declarations of Interest

Not significant, non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cr Nuatali Nelmes and Cr Ryan Palmer – as Directors of Newcastle Airport Limited – in regard to Item 4.2 in the Business Paper (Sponsorship Policy).

Not significant, non-pecuniary interests were declared by Jeremy Bath, CEO, Newcastle City Council and Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council – as employees of the owners of Newcastle Airport Limited – in regard to item 4.2 in the Business Paper (Sponsorship Policy).

3. REPORTS

3.1 Recruitment process for Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

- 1. The Executive Officer Recruitment Panel be delegated the authority to run the recruitment process, select and appoint a recruitment consultant, and bring back a preferred candidate or candidates the December Joint Organisation meeting, and**
 - 2. Councillor Ryan Palmer be included in the Executive Office Recruitment Panel.**
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Moved: Cr Nuatali Nelmes
Seconded: Cr Kay Fraser

Carried.

4.2 Sponsorship Policy

Consideration of this matter was deferred to the 18 October 2018 Meeting.

4.3 Unrateable Lands

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Hunter Joint Organisation:

- 1. Request that the NSW Government abolish the rating exemptions currently provided to NSW Corporations on operational land**
 - 2. Advocate, in lieu of (1) above, for compensation to be payable to those Local Government Authorities that are affected by the rating exemptions provided by the NSW Government to corporations**
 - 3. Advocate for a system to levy the Forestry Commission of NSW as a means of assisting local councils to recoup costs associated with the repair and maintenance of local government road and bridge networks damaged by heavy vehicle movements related to forestry operations**
 - 4. Request that the NSW Government abolish rating exemptions currently applied to Biodiversity Offset Agreements**
 - 5. In lieu of (4) above, advocate for compensation to be payable to Local Government authorities that are affected by the rating exemptions currently applied to Biodiversity Offset Agreements**
 - 6. The information above be provided to the NSW Opposition.**
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Moved: Cr Tracy Norman
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

Meeting closed.
