



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

23 December 2024

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

ON MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

**ON MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2024
COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Hanna
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins
Councillor Narelle Davis
Councillor Nick Elliott
Councillor Tanya Higgins
Councillor John Rooney
Councillor Reuben Rose
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers
Councillor Andrew Thaler
Councillor Luke Williamson

APOLOGIES: Nil

Staff: Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Simon Rennie, Chief Financial Officer (Via video link)
John Gargett, Acting Chief Infrastructure & Projects Officer
Tony Murray, Chief Community Services Officer
Angela Sommerville, Chief People & Organisational Performance Officer
Patricia Swain, Secretary Council and Committees

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10:00 AM

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

3.1 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

305/24

That Council approve the remote attendance of Councillor Rooney at the meeting on 23 December 2024, via audio-visual link.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Thaler.

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Thaler has given notice that at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 23rd December 2024, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

306/24

That Council:

1. Council write to the Minister seeking an extension of time for responses to be provided, noting that this is presently Christmas Eve where everything shuts down for two weeks.
2. Council make clear to the Minister that there is no disharmony in council meetings, and direct his attention to the December 2024 meeting webcast.
3. Council remind the Minister of his obligations at Law, the Right to the Presumption of Innocence, the Protection of All Human Rights and that everybody at Council is entitled to a safe workplace, including ALL councillors.
4. Council explain to the Minister that this council is already well on its way to solving its financial problems.
5. Council explain to the Minister to respectfully suggest his Proposed Order is Legally Oppressive due to Councillors inability to directly control the day to day finances.
6. Council write to the Minister to draw his attention to the inconsistency between his proposed order for Georges River Council and Snowy Monaro and seek an explanation.

Moved Councillor Thaler

Seconded Councillor Williamson

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Thaler, and Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.

At 10:51 am Councillor Rooney left the meeting.

At 10:52 am Councillor Rooney returned to the meeting.

6.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

6.1.1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE A PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER

Record No: I24/707

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11:08

CHAIRPERSON



The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 23 December 2024 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 20 February 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.