



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

10 January 2025

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

ON FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025

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**ON FRIDAY, 10 JANUARY 2025
COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

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
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 1:00 PM

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

Nil

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

5.1 COUNCILLOR THALER AND COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON

Councillor Thaler declared an interest in Item 6.1 as he has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in this item due to “mentioned in the NSW Minister for Local Government Letter”. Councillor Williamson declared an conflict of interest, a Performance Improvement Order (PIO) has been suggested that would include require him to undertake an undertaking.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 PROPOSED LETTER TO SEND TO MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Record No: I25/1

Councillor Luke Williamson and Councillor Reuben Rose have given notice that at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 10 January 2025, they will move the following motion.

That the Mayor immediately sign and email, CC'ing all councillors, the letter at attachment 1 to the Minister of Local Government.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

1/25

That the Mayor on behalf of the Council:

- A. Write to the Minister thanking him for his interest and seek responses to the following in relation to the Minister of Local Government's intention to issue a Performance Improvement Order (PIO) dated 16 DEC 2024:
 - a. Provided guidance on how long the Minister believes meetings should take, and the rationale.
 - b. Advise how the large number of Codes of Conduct complaints raised against a councillor are being managed, and their status.
 - c. Advise if options under section 440 of the local Government Act have been considered instead of

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a PIO.

- d. Clarify why the Minister requires council to always maintain a minimum balance of \$500,000 specifically in unrestricted funds, and advise the rationale for this determination.
- e. Clarify why the Minister appears to be questioning Council's commitment to proceeding with the Towards Excellence Program (TEPP or adoption of the recommendations constrained in the report from the Financial Sustainability Review (FSR).

B. Invite the Minister to visit the Snowy Monaro and speak with all councillors and the Executive Leadership Team.

. Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Thaler.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers

Procedural Motion

INTO COMMITTEE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2/25

That Council move into committee.

Moved Councillor Thaler

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

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

there being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.57PM

CHAIRPERSON



The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 10 January 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 20 February 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.

Confirmed