



Walcha Council Extra Ordinary Meeting Minutes

held on

Thursday 19 January 2023

at

3:00pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**The Audio Statement and Acknowledgement of Country
were read by the Chairman.**

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors MA Berry, NF Hicks, SJ Kermode, AC Pointing, A Reilly and GDM Schaefer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Barry Omundson – General Manager, Mr PE Hood – Director Infrastructure & Development, Mr CC Martin – Director Corporate & Community and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant to General Manager & Mayor.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

No Leave of Absence was received by Clr Ferrier.

Minutes



2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Item 4.1 Council's Submission on the Environmental Impact Statement for Winterbourne Wind Project WO/2022/00024

Clr Schaefer declared a pecuniary interest in this matter due to being a host landholder and a Director/Shareholder of Walcha Wind, and will leave the Chambers.

3. MATTERS OF URGENCY

3.1 Extra Ordinary Meeting Business WO/2023/00053

113 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Reilly that the business to be discussed at today's ExtraOrdinary Meeting, being the response to the Winterbourne Wind Project's Environmental Impact Statement is of great **URGENCY** and requires a decision of Council before its next scheduled Ordinary Meeting on 22 February 2023.

4. SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS

114 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Hicks that the Senior Officers' Report be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

4.1 Submission on Environmental Impact Statement for Winterbourne Wind Project – Application Number: SSD-10471 WO/2023/00024

Clr Schaefer declared a Pecuniary Interest in this matter and left the Chambers at 3:03pm.

- 115 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Berry that Council:
1. **ENDORSE** the Submission as provided in the Report to the State Government in relation to the Winterbourne Wind Farm Application Number: SSD-10471;
 2. **COMMENT** on the Environmental Impact Statement as drafted in accordance with the Submission; and
 3. **WRITE** to the Independent Planning Commission seeking to present to the Commission in person and locally here in Walcha, Council's views and comments on the Winterbourne Wind Project Environmental Impact Statement.

Clr Schaefer returned to the Chambers and was informed of the resolution at 3:14pm.



5. MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 General Manager's Position

WO/2023/00068

116 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Kermode that Walcha Council:

1. **ACCEPT** the resignation of General Manager Barry Omundson effective 24 March 2023 and acknowledge his significant positive impact upon Council and the Walcha community.
2. **APPOINT** Director Infrastructure & Development Phillip Hood Acting General Manager from Friday 24 March 2023 for a minimum period of six months or until such time a permanent General Manager has been appointed with a remuneration to be negotiated by the General Managers Performance Management Committee and within existing budgets.
3. **UNDERTAKE** a competitive recruitment process for a new permanent General Manager within the next 12 months.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 03:20PM.