



EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Monday, 11 March 2024

At 4:50pm 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 (Audio Visual), SJ Kermode, AC Pointing and A Reilly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr PE Hood – General Manager, Mr AS Butler – Director Infrastructure & Development and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

156 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kermode and Berry that the Leave of Absence from Clr Ferrier, due to medical reasons, be **APPROVED**.

MINUTES



2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

2.1 Request by Clr Hicks to Attend Meeting by Audio Visual Link

157 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Reilly that Council **APPROVE** the request by Clr Nena Hicks to attend Council's Extra Ordinary Meeting being held today, 11 March 2024, via audio visual link due to her being medically unfit to travel.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION

158 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Hicks that the Notice of Motion Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

3.1 Notice of Motion 31: New England Weeds Authority Request for Security Guarantee WO/2024/00430

Alternate Motion:

It was **MOVED** Clr Reilly that Walcha Council:

- 1) Authorises the provision of a guarantee as security for loan funding provided to the New England Weeds Authority;
- 2) That the amount of the guarantee to be provided to the Commonwealth Bank, shall be \$119,843, calculated in proportion to the Council's member contributions for the coming financial year, relative to the total member contributions of all four (4) constituent Councils: Glenn Innes Severn, Armidale Regional, Uralla Shire and Walcha Councils;
- 3) That the Mayor and the General Manager are authorised to execute the loan security documents by the Commonwealth Bank.

The **Motion FAILED** to get a **SECONDER** and therefore **LAPSED**.

A **Motion** was **Moved** Clr Berry **Seconded** Clr Kermode that Council **REFUSE** to authorise the provision of a Guarantee as security for loan funding provided to the New England Weeds Authority.

On being put to the **VOTE** the Motion was **TIED** and the Chair used his **CASTING VOTE** which was **AGAINST** the **Motion**.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:07 PM.