



# **GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

*of the*

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN: Cr MW Curran (Mayor)**

**Held in the Boardroom**

**Town Hall**

**2 Caledonian Hill**

**Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Wednesday, 22 March 2017**

**At 9.00am**



Gympie Regional Council **SPECIAL**

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*Mayor MW Curran (Chairman)*

*Crs MA McDonald, GC Hartwig, MS Gear, DW Dodt, DH Stewart, HT Smerdon,  
WR Leitch and JK Cochrane*

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**The meeting commenced at 9.01am**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cr MW Curran (Chairman), Cr MA McDonald, Cr MS Gear, Cr DH Stewart, Cr HT Smerdon, Cr WR Leitch and Cr JK Cochrane.

Also in attendance were Also in attendance were Chief Executive Officer (Mr BJ Smith), Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (Mrs H Kelly), Director Planning & Development (Ms G Vereker), and Minutes Clerk (Ms T Condon).

**SECTION 1: APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE****1.1 Apology - Cr D Dodt**

M12/03/17      Moved Cr DH Stewart                      Seconded Cr HT Smerdon

**That the apology for this meeting from Councillor Daryl Dodt be received.**

**Carried**

**FOR:** Cr MW Curran, Cr MA McDonald, Cr WR Leitch, Cr JK Cochrane, Cr MS Gear, Cr HT Smerdon and Cr DH Stewart

**AGAINST:** Nil

**SECTION 2: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

**SECTION 3: OFFICE OF THE CEO****3.1 Drought Declaration for the Gympie Region**

**PORTFOLIO:** Governance, Finance, Disaster Management

**DIRECTORATE:** Office of the CEO

**DOC ID:**

**LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN****STRATEGIC THEMES:**

3. Governance - cohesive, responsible and transparent

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**1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

The State Government has recently issued a drought declaration for the Gympie Regional Council Area.

**2. REPORT**

The drought declaration was made after the Ordinary Meeting of 8 March 2017 and the Mayor has requested that consideration be given to the matter. In the past Council has made amendments to its rating payment structures for both drought and flood. A previous action which Council could consider applying in this instance is an extension of the interest free period.

Currently Council will apply interest to rate payments made after 11 May 2017. An extension of this date for three (3) months would provide a concession to primary producers impacted by the drought conditions. The concession would only apply to the primary producer rating classification.

**3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are minimal budget implications

**4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications

**5. CONSULTATION**

Mayor  
Chief Financial Officer  
Senior Revenue Officer

**6. CONCLUSION**

The extension of the date when interest would be charged to rates due for primary producers impacted by the drought will provide a tangible benefit.

**M13/03/17 Moved Cr MS Gear**

**Seconded Cr MA McDonald**

**That Council defers the application of interest to rate payments until 11 August 2017 for the primary producer rating classification.**

**Carried**

**FOR:** Cr MW Curran, Cr MA McDonald, Cr WR Leitch, Cr JK Cochrane, Cr MS Gear, Cr HT Smerdon and Cr DH Stewart

**AGAINST:** Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06am

Confirmed this TWENTY NINTH day of MARCH 2017

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Cr MW Curran  
CHAIRMAN