

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

27 November 2019

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

**Notice of Policy Committee Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council –
Wednesday 4 December 2019**

I have to advise that a Policy Committee Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 4 December 2019 commencing at 6:00 pm.



D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD ON Wednesday 4 December 2019**

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1. MEETING COMMENCES

2. PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Could all those who are able, please stand for the prayer and the acknowledgement.

3.01 Almighty God, give wisdom to those in authority and guide all peoples in the way of righteousness and peace, so that we may share with justice the resources of the earth, work together in trust and seek the common good. Amen

3.02 I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people in this land.

3. APOLOGIES

4. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - 6 November 2019

File No: 07.00064

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee of Bathurst Regional Council held on 6 November 2019 be adopted.

REPORT:

The Minutes of the Policy Committee of Bathurst Regional Council held on 6 November 2019 are **attached**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

Strategy 6.4 Meet legislative and compliance requirements.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy Committee Minutes - 6 November 2019 [4.1.1 - 7 pages]

MINUTE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: POL2019 - 1

MOVED: Cr W Aubin SECONDED: Cr J Rudge

RESOLVED:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee of Bathurst Regional Council held on 6 November 2019 be adopted.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interest

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before the meeting, please give consideration to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Council Code of Conduct, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.

6. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT

The following reports are presented for Council's consideration.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Jones', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

A Jones
**DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE**

6.1.1. WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

File No: 20.00315, 41.00089

RECOMMENDATION:

That

- (a) Council note the submission received.
 - (b) Council adopt the Webcasting of Council Meetings Policy and update the Council Policy Manual.
 - (c) The policy become effective from the 14 December 2019.
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REPORT:

As Councillors would be aware the Office of Local Government introduced the Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils and this incorporated a provision for webcasting of council meetings. Council subsequently adopted its Code of Meeting Practice.

Council has installed the equipment to allow webcasting to be undertaken. Prior to any public webcasting of council meetings council must adopt a policy governing the webcasting of council meetings. A draft policy was presented to the Policy Meeting on 2 October 2019. At the meeting Council resolved to:

- (a) Place the Webcasting of Council Meetings Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (b) Adopt the Webcasting of Council Meetings Policy and update the Council Policy Manual, if no submissions are received.
- (c) Receive a further report if any submissions are received during the exhibition period.

Council placed the policy on submission for the required 28 days period during which time one submission was received. This submission requested Council ensure that the microphone system was adequate to allow Councillors to be heard and did not propose any change to the policy.

It is recommended that

- (a) Council note the submission received.
- (b) Council adopt the Webcasting of Council Meetings Policy and update the Council Policy Manual.
- (c) The policy become effective from the 14 December 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

Strategy 6.1 Communicate and engage with the community, government and business groups on important matters affecting the Bathurst region.

Strategy 6.4 Meet legislative and compliance requirements.

Strategy 6.5 Be open and fair in our decisions and our dealings with people.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Webcasting of Council Meeting Policy [6.1.1.1 - 3 pages]

MINUTE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: POL2019 - 3

MOVED: Cr J Rudge SECONDED: Cr J Fry

RESOLVED:

RECOMMENDATION:

That

- (a) Council note the submission received.
- (b) Council adopt the Webcasting of Council Meetings Policy and update the Council Policy Manual.
- (c) The policy will become effective from the 14 December 2019.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

MINUTE

1. Mitchell Conservatorium of Music - Bathurst Court House - 22.01071-03 & 00023-02

Cr.Hanger - Department of Community and Justice has requested that the Mitchell Conservatorium vacate the Court House by mid February 2020.

General Manager - advised correspondence has been sent to relevant persons.

2. River Area behind Showground - 04.00017-05

Cr.Rudge - Has received approaches about vegetation growing in this area that needs attention.

Director of Engineering Services - Discussions with NSW Fisheries ongoing re: potential works required.

3. Chiefly Dam Levels - 32.00005-07

Cr.Jennings - Asked what the current dam level is.

Director of Engineering Services - Advised that dam level is currently at 38.1% (a drop of 0.9%).

4. Cr Morse Notice of Motion last meeting - Regarding weather changes - 13.00027-04

Cr. Jennings - Spoke of Climate Change, facebook entries, Blue Mountains banning of meat, drought, irrigators, drought proofing and energy efficiency.

5. 45 Degree Angle Parking Keppel Street - 25.00039-05

Cr Jennings - Parking problems at lower end of Keppel Street. Asks costings be prepared for 2020/2021 budget.

6. Masterplan Vision: 200 years - 20.00335

Cr Jennings - Would like to see project developed and costings for 2020/2021 budget consideration. Spoke to various visions for the City probably need \$150K p.a for 2 years to pull documents together.

7. Cr Morse Notice of Motion last meeting regarding weather changes - 13.00027-04

Cr Jennings - Spoke to knowledge on technical service. When we spoke about 5G we got an expert in. Then spoke to service on climate change, asks we follow what we did with 5G and get an expert in to upskill Councillors on this topic. Then spoke to water needs, future predictions and funding needed. Requests appropriate expert advice be sought.

8. Health and Safety Policy - 03.00107-19

Cr Aubin - Spoke of stop/go contractors, went through Eglinton and contractor had no hat on and was wearing short sleeved shirt.

Director Engineering Services - Contractors have own WH&S procedures in place.

9. Eglinton Road - 25.00045-02

Cr Aubin - Noted heavy patching occurring, why not resealing all of it?

Director Engineering Services - Restricted by funding available.

10. Health Action Group meeting with Minister - 18.00035-04

Cr Aubin - Spoke to the meeting held. Made note about phone connected into meeting without telling the attendees. Apart from that it was a good meeting. Follow up meeting with Hospital Board from 3 December 2019 went well, Chair acknowledged there is a problem. There will be a Masterplan done for the hospital in 2020.

11. Water Matters - 32.00017-05

Cr Fry - Need to keep focus. Spoke to Bureau of Meteorology, Department of Environment etc advices. We have lost 10% dam water in recent weeks. Spoke to water usage levels occurring. Possibly at 15%/10% by March 2020. Noted Prime 7 McTavish interview this week, and relocation of towns. Need a committee to consider climate refugee influx.

Director Engineering Services - Spoke to modelling results at this time. No Discussions on relocation of communities to Bathurst.

12. Tankers on Hereford Street accessing standpipes - 32.00017-05

Cr Fry - Some tankers are unknown. Any further details?

Director Engineering Services - Spoke to approval to use water and CCTV installation next week.

13. Hereford/ Gilmour Street - 25.00031

Cr Christian - Congestion on Hereford and Gilmour Streets, where are the studies at?

Director Engineering Services - Gave details of overall study, done early 2020.

14. Hereford Street Roundabout - 25.00035-04

Cr Christian - Spoke to concerns at this proposal, Spoke to how this was committed. Feels Council needs to commit to a 4 lane Rd or new road by 2022.

Director Engineering Services - Spoke to process followed in design of additional fields.

15. Eglinton Road - 25.00045-02

Cr Christian - This is a mess, needs work. We need to commit to 4 lanes by 2025.

16. Parking spaces Hereford Street Sporting Precinct - 04.00112 & 04.00146

Cr Christian - Have we spoken to any bus lines about using this space?

Director Engineering Services - Have not had discussions. Design will allow for buses to use area.

17. Climate Matters - 13.00027-04

Cr Christian - Spoke to investigations being undertaken, ice cores results, CO2 impacts.

18. Irrigators & Weir issue - 32.00017-05

Cr North - Has provided advice to General Manager and asks this to be investigated.

19. Parks and Gardens water systems - 04.00034-05

Cr North - Can we adjust so the roads don't get watered e.g. Adventure Play Ground and River Walk.

20. Federal Government Drought Fund Round 2 - 16.00171

Cr North - Noted new round of funding is \$1 million

21. Australian Airports Association - 21.00008-16

Cr North - Federal Government funds available, have we looked at the fund?

Director Engineering Services - yes, we will be applying for funds.

22. Airport Lease Issues - 21.00147

Cr North - Can we get a report?

23. Water Projects State Funding - 16.00103-08

Cr North - Are we pursuing extra funding beyond the \$10 million received?

24. Road Infrastructure - 28.00017-02

Cr North - Looking forward to studies being delivered so can develop future plans.

25. CCTV Funding - 16.00145-03

Cr North - Noting there is struggle to utilise the full \$10k p.a. If can't be used perhaps support people to put in rainwater tanks

26. Events - 23.00026-21

Cr North - Noted events for next year including Elton John, BMT International, V8's and Cross Country. All assisting the local economy. Let's keep looking for events to promote the city.

27. Question regarding water restrictions - 32.00017-05

Cr Rudge - Sought clarification on restriction definitions.

8. MEETING CLOSE

MINUTE

The Meeting closed at 6:43 pm.

CHAIR:

Policy Meeting of Council Agenda - 4 December 2019 Attachments

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MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2019

MEETING COMMENCES

- 1** **MEETING COMMENCES 6:00 PM**
MOVED Ian North and **SECONDED** John Fry

Present: Councillors Bourke (Chair), Aubin, Christian, Fry, Hanger, Jennings, Morse, North, Rudge.

APOLOGIES

- 2** **APOLOGIES**
MOVED Ian North and **SECONDED** John Fry

Nil.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3** **Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 OCTOBER 2019**
(07.00064)
MOVED Cr J Rudge and **SECONDED** Cr I North

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 2 October 2019 be adopted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 4** **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
MOVED Cr W Aubin and **SECONDED** Cr J Fry

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

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_____ General Manager _____ Page 1 _____ Mayor

RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS

General Manager's Report

5 Item 1 FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL (23.00150)

MOVED Cr W Aubin and **SECONDED** Cr I North

RESOLVED: That

- (1) The information be noted
- (2) The Mayor be authorised to attend Cirencester as a Council delegate, subject to a maximum expenditure of \$1,000.

GENERAL BUSINESS

6 DANGEROUS DRIVING IN CHURCH LANE 25.00226

Cr North - Dangerous driving in Church Lane - can this issue be raised with the Traffic Committee?

Director Engineering Services - Yes

7 Item 2 DOG PARK CONSULTATION 37.00695 & 04.00010-03

Cr North - How much community consultation was undertaken prior to the works being completed?

Director Engineering Services - Not a great deal due to short time frames imposed by the grant conditions.

8 Item 3 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPGRADES 25.00018-05

Cr North - A resident is concerned that they weren't listened to by the RMS. Is there further community consultation planned?

Director Engineering Services - Not sure, a decision of the RMS.

9 Item 4 BIG IDEAS WRI SEMINAR 18.00093

Cr North - Suggested Council seek a copy of the feedback/ outcomes from the seminar.

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10 **Item 5 PARKING ISSUES AROUND SCHOOLS 28.00006-14 & 07.00006-24**

Cr North - Can Traffic Committee raise the issue of parking on corners?

Director Engineering Services - Yes

11 **Item 6 STATE GOVERNMENT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING 16.00119-03**

Cr North - Requested an update on current Council actions.

Director Engineering Services - Mayor, General Manager and Director Engineering Services have met with the Minister . Meeting was positive.

12 **Item 7 MITRE/ SUTTON/ LAMBERT STREETS ROUNDABOUT UPDATE 36.00713 & 25.00095-03**

Cr Christian - Requested an update on the status of this project.

Director Engineering Services - Mail out and consultation process commenced. Works expected to commence in December.

13 **Item 8 WORKING PARTY FOR USE OF FORMER AMBULANCE STATION 22.01504**

Cr Christian - Requested that Council hold a working party to discuss the potential use of the old Ambulance station.

14 **Item 9 WEEDS - STEWART STREET & SYDNEY ROAD 13.00022-05**

Cr Christian - Asked for an update on the removal of weeds along Stewart Street and Sydney Road.

Director Engineering Services - Advised that these roads are Roads and Maritime Services roads and will contact RMS in relation to commencement of works.

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15 **Item 10 STREET SIGNAGE AUDIT 28.00007-06**

Cr Christian - When can this happen?

Director Engineering Services - Advised this has commenced.

16 **Item 11 BRIDLE TRACK WORKS 25.00283-03**

Cr Fry - Congratulations to Engineers. Can works be extended to Root Hogg Road?

Director Engineering Services - Subject to funding, yes?

17 **Item 12 CLIMATE STATE OF EMERGENCY 13.00027-04**

Cr Fry - Noted 11,000 scientists around the world signed a climate state of emergency document.

18 **Item 13 WATER RESTRICTIONS 32.00017-04**

Cr Morse - ABC News - Dubbo 'cut back' on their water restrictions due to recent light rainfall. Will Bathurst Council do the same?

Director Engineering Services - No.

Cr Morse - If we did receive required rainfall, are we looking to long term solutions? 20 years.

Director Engineering Services - Yes, a regional approach is already being undertaken.

Cr Morse - Pipeline in the next 5 years works program?

Director Engineering Services - Subject to future funding and budgets.

Cr Morse - Is the Minister being made aware of our 4 year requests and assistance required?

Director Engineering Services - Yes

Cr Morse - Will these arrangements continue beyond the next local government election?

Director Engineering Services - Yes

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19 **Item 14 DEFIBRILLATOR - HEART SMART EVENT AT THE HUB CAFE**
18.00082

Cr Jennings - Optimal target is to provide a Defibrillator within 3 minutes of every person. Does Bathurst Regional Council have the strategy?

General Manager - Program being prompted by State Government. BRC's focus directed to sporting groups.

Cr Jennings - Is the State Government mapping locations?

General Manger - Not a Bathurst Regional Council matter.

20 **Item 15 5G 08.00002-11**

Cr Jennings - Bathurst Regional Council is confident of the information provided by an appropriate expert. If we object to 5G it would impact CCTV.

Director Environmental Planning Building Services - Unlikely, but not known.

Cr Jennings - Suggests Bathurst Regional Council issue a press release based on findings.

21 **Item 16 ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER 07.00055-03**

Cr Jennings - Where is this up to?

General Manager - Referred to 2020/2021 budget.

22 **Item 17 WATER IRRIGATORS PORTAL 32.00046 & 32.00017-04**

Cr Jennings - Is the portal the key method of communications?

Director Engineering Services - Yes, but not for regulatory matters.

Cr Jennings - Some irrigators not well versed in portal use. Can these messages be also emailed?

General Manager - Will look into request.

Cr Jennings - Can alerts be also sent by text message, to direct attention to email or portal?

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23 **Item 18 PIPELINE 13.00031-06**

Cr Jennings - Is the pipeline specifically on our agenda? Development of Drought Management Plan, when will it be made available to the public?

General Manager - Yes, pipeline included. Looking at long term project solutions.

Director Engineering Services - Timeline - NSW Public Water Advisory using Bathurst Regional Council as a trial. Process unlikely to commence until June 2020.

SUBMISSION HEARING - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

24 **Item 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2019/295 – MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AND 5 LOT SUBDIVISION AT 48 & 50 BENTINCK STREET AND 178 HOWICK STREET BATHURST NSW 2795. APPLICANT: JOSS CONSTRUCTION OWNER: REGIONAL NOMINEES PTY LTD (2019/295)**

B. McLellan From Joss Constructions

- Original purchase for apartments and retail.
- DA for apartments only was not approved.
- Engaged ID Group Architects.
- DA to be constructed in a staged manner.
- Not intention to "Dell" undeveloped land.

I. Pearson

- Howick Street Frontage.
- Is not compatible bulk and scale.
- Over shadowing concerns for neighbouring properties.
- Can set back be revised to include principles of safety by design.
- Encouraged by the accessibility of the development.

S Bathgate - Bathurst Heritage Network (B.H.N) convenor

- On a landmark site.
- Commended the applicant for respecting the concerns raised in the previous DA's
- Addressed the "public good" issue from the previous DA.
- B.H.N has concerns for the site if the whole project is not completed.
- Proposed parking is well short of Bathurst Regional Council's requirements.

M. Child - 172 Howick Street owner

- Overshadowing concern.
- Unable to understand the overshadowing drawings.
- Main entrance/ exit driveway is on her property boundary (bedroom window).
- Additional noise and vibrations - impact on residence that is almost 100 years old.
- Control of traffic movements.
- Conflicting information is contained in some drawings.
- Fence lines omitted from drawings.
- Backyard privacy concerns.
- Seeking - a pathway along 172 boundary.
 - Frosted windows.
 - no speed humps.
 - relocation of plant room.

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_____ **Mayor**

T. McBurney Integrated Design Groups (Architects for application)

- Local insight brought into development.
- Intention is for offices on corner Howick/ Bentick Street.
- Bulk and scale in relative to the opportunities available on the site.
- Creation of permeability of the site.
- Piazza overshadowing not an issue.
- Topography of site makes access difficult.
- Thanked consultation stakeholders.
- There isn't a parking shortfall across the site.
- 172 Howick Street will be the building most affected by the development.
- Happy to share the overshadowing drawings with 172 Howick's owner.
- Will address privacy screening concerns.

MEETING CLOSE

25 MEETING CLOSED

The Meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

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_____ **General Manager** _____ **Page 7** _____ **Mayor**

POLICY: WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

DATE ADOPTED:

FILE REFERENCE:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe the provisions for the webcasting (streaming) of meetings of the Bathurst Regional Council (Council), and any of its committees containing only councillors as members.

2. POLICY BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Bathurst Regional Council is committed to transparent, inclusive and effective decision making, as described in its *Code of Meeting Practice* (the Code). All members of the community are entitled to attend Council meetings (except for those parts of meetings that have been closed to the public under section 10A of the Act). Council acknowledges public attendance at Council or Committee meetings may at times be difficult because of the timing and location of the meetings.
- 2.2 Webcasting and storage of these webcasts will provide members of the community with an additional way to access the meetings of the Council, at a time and place more convenient to them. Clause 5.18 of the Code deals specifically with webcasting.
- 2.3 The webcasting of Council meetings will assist in increasing community awareness of decision making at Council, alongside existing agendas, minutes and notices on the Council's website. The confirmed minutes of the Council constitute the definitive record of decisions from the Council meetings.
- 2.4 Confidential sessions of Council meetings, which are closed to the public under section 10A of the *Local Government Act (1993)*, will not be webcast.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **Act of Disorder** means an act of disorder as defined in clause 15.11 of the Code
- 3.2 **Council** means Bathurst Regional Council.
- 3.3 **Inappropriate comment** means a comment that is deemed to be unacceptable to be made in the Council meeting, at the ruling of the Chair, and may include defamatory or discriminatory comments, comments that breach the privacy of others, and comments that violate the Code.
- 3.4 **Council meeting** means ordinary and extraordinary meetings of Council, as well as meetings of any of its committees containing only Councillors as members, conducted under the Code.
- 3.5 **Confidential session** is part of a meeting of Council or one of its committees from which the public and media have been excluded by a resolution of the Council or committee, in accordance with section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 3.6 **Executive staff** are the General Manager and Directors of Bathurst Regional Council.

4. POLICY

- 4.1 This policy applies to all those persons attending Council meetings, including Councillors, staff, invited speakers, and members of the public, whether observing or contributing to the Council meeting being webcast.
- 4.2 This policy confers no delegated authority on any person or body.
- 4.3 All Council meetings will be webcast and also made available as recordings on the Council website, for a period of time to be determined by Council from time to time (currently six months) and consistent with the *State Records Act 1998*.
- 4.4 The requirements in the Code that no person attending a Council meeting may live stream or record the proceedings continue to apply. Only the official Council webcast may be used as a webcast or other live stream or recording of a Council meeting.
- 4.5 Viewers of the webcast, either live or recorded, are responsible for meeting the technology requirements, including internet connection, to achieve satisfactory viewing results. Council takes no responsibility and accepts no liability for the inability to access the webcast due to issues with the technology at the viewer's location or elsewhere outside the Council's network.
- 4.6 An announcement will be made prior to discussion of items of business in webcast meetings, clarifying that the meeting will be webcast, in addition to signage in the meeting and the meeting papers to the same effect. The announcement will also make clear to all those present that their attendance in the meeting constitutes consent for the webcasting and recording of their participation. The announcement and signage will also make clear that those present should refrain from any potentially defamatory, discriminatory or otherwise inappropriate comments during the meeting.
- 4.7 The webcast will operate with a slight delay, to allow for the webcasting to be halted should any act of disorder occur. Staff responsible for administering the webcasting are authorised to halt the webcast, at the direction of the Chair or members of executive staff present, should an act of disorder occur or where there is concern that an act of disorder has occurred. Staff will re-commence webcasting at the direction of these same persons.
- 4.8 Where in the opinion of the Chair and/or General Manager acts of disorder or otherwise inappropriate comments have been recorded as part of a webcast, the webcast may be edited upon their direction prior to being uploaded to the Council website. Any editing will be reported to a subsequent meeting of the Council.
- 4.9 No protection will be afforded by Council to Councillors, Council staff or members of the public who make comments in a Council meeting that is webcast, which are subsequently challenged in a Court of Law as defamatory, discriminatory or inappropriate in some other way. All those commenting at Council meetings should be aware that there is no absolute privilege for statements made at these meetings.
- 4.10 Prior to the commencement of a confidential session in a Council meeting, the staff administering the webcast will be asked to confirm that the webcast has been halted, before discussion in that session begins.
- 4.11 Where a technical problem causes an interruption to the webcast, Council takes no responsibility and accepts no liability for the affected part of the meeting being unavailable as a webcast.

- 4.12 Access to webcasts will be provided on Council's website for personal and non-commercial use. The contents of the webcast must not be altered, reproduced or republished without the permission of Council. Copyright for the recordings rests with Council.

ASSOCIATED COUNCIL POLICIES

- Code of Meeting Practice
- Code of Conduct

ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993
- State Records Act 1998
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998