



ORDINARY MEETING OF
COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY
COMMITTEE

30 June 2010

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

I have to advise that an Ordinary Meeting of **Bathurst Regional Council** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 7 July 2010 commencing at approximately 5.15 pm (or immediately following the conclusion of the Policy Committee).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D J Sherley".

D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2010

1. MEETING COMMENCES
2. APOLOGIES
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.

4. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS

* Director Engineering Services' Report

5. RESOLVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Recommendation: That:

- (a) Council resolve into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- (b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.
- (c) Correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005,:

1. In the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public
2. In accordance with Section 10A(4) members of the public are invited to make representations to the Council as to whether the matters should or should not be dealt with in Confidential Committee.

* Director Engineering Services' Report

ITEM	SUBJECT	REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
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6. RESOLVE INTO OPEN COUNCIL

7. ADOPT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. MEETING CLOSE

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1 MEETING COMMENCES

Present: Councillors Toole (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Morse, North, Westman.

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2 APOLOGIES

MOVED: B Bourke SECONDED: G Hanger

RESOLVED: That the apology received from Cr Thompson be accepted and leave of absence granted.

MINUTE

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

MOVED: T Carpenter SECONDED: W Aubin

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT

7 JULY 2010

**DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
COUNCIL FOLLOWING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2010**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

1 SOLAR ELECTRICITY GENERATION - MOUNT PANORAMA (37.00284)

Recommendation: For Council's consideration.

Report: Council, at its Ordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2010, resolved:

That Council accept the tender of Warren Harvey Homes Pty Ltd for the construction of an amenities building at Mount Panorama in the amount of \$394,896 (incl. GST), subject to adjustments and provisional items.

Council also requested a report into the feasibility of installing solar electricity generation for the proposed and the existing amenities block.

The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme credits eligible customers with a 'gross' feed-in tariff rate of 60 cents per kilowatt hour until the end of 2016, for all the electricity that their eligible solar photovoltaic (PV) system or wind turbine generates. Eligible systems are required to have a total capacity of up to 10kWh and would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 13 tonnes per annum. Generally, to be eligible for this scheme, customers need to have a consumption of less than 160MWh of electricity per annum. Bathurst Regional Council consumes significantly more than this figure. However, Country Energy have advised that Council would be eligible and attract the benefits offered by NSW Solar Bonus Scheme for the installation of one solar electricity system only.

Each of these 2 amenities buildings have roof areas that face to the north. With consideration of the skylights and the ventilators that are fitted into the roof structure, a 10kW solar photovoltaic generation system could be fitted onto each of the two amenities buildings, subject to maintenance and installation clearances. Budgetary costs for the installation of solar photovoltaic system have been obtained from one company and indicate that costs would be approximately \$50,000 inclusive of GST, excluding metering changes.

The amenities blocks generally are only used for a few weeks per year and for the remainder of the time are decommissioned except for external security lighting. In order to take advantage of the electricity generated by the proposed solar photovoltaic generation system a gross electricity meter is required, which will measure the total amount of electricity generated. Any excess electricity generated above the building consumption is then fed back into the electricity grid. The electricity supply for these two amenities buildings are fed from an electrical substation and C/T metering equipment that serves the paddock area. CT meters are not suitable for the measurement of gross feed in tariff and so extensive metering changes will need to be made to the electrical supply system. It is anticipated that these costs could be up to \$5,000 per building.

The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme guarantees the purchase of electricity of a fixed rate of 60 cents per kilowatt hour until 31 December 2016. After this time, the tariff is unknown but can reasonably be expected to be set at the wholesale purchase price, which currently is in the range of 2.5 – 4.0 cents per kilowatt hour. Clearly, the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme offers

very generous purchase rates and makes solar electric installations achievable on a financial basis.

It is expected that one 10kW system installed at Mount Panorama would generate approximately \$9,000 of electricity each year if eligible for the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme, which results in significant payback of the system's installation cost at the end of the Scheme. Under wholesale market rates, the value of electricity generated by the same system would be significantly lower, at approximately \$600 per year.

The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme will be reviewed in 2012 by the Minister for Energy or when the installed capacity of renewable energy generators participating in the Scheme reaches 50 megawatts, whichever occurs first. Country Energy has advised that the Scheme is close to being fully subscribed.

Council has received 2 individual grants from the Federal Government's second stage of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program, for installation of a 4kW wind turbine at the Bathurst Aerodrome and for a 10kW solar photovoltaic system at the National Motor Racing Museum. It is understood that these two grants are not conditional on any installation carried out with NSW Solar Bonus Scheme.

Financial Implications: Council has not made any provision within its 2010/2011 Management Plan for expenditure on this item. This request will need to be funded either by way of grants or by cutting other expenditure items to cover this proposal should it be needed.

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4 Item 1 SOLAR ELECTRICITY GENERATION - MOUNT PANORAMA

MOVED: T Carpenter SECONDED: I North

RESOLVED: That:

- (a) Council proceed with the proposal to install solar generation into the amenities building at Mount Panorama
- (b) That the cost be funded from the Environmental Revolving Energy Fund Vote.
- (c) Profits from the sale of energy be returned to the Environmental Revolving Energy Fund.

Yours faithfully



Doug Patterson
DIRECTOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES

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5 RESOLVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

MOVED: I North SECONDED: G Westman

The Mayor invited members of the public to make submissions on whether the matter should or should not be dealt with in Confidential committee.

There were no representations from the public.

RESOLVED: That

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CONFIDENTIAL DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' MINUTE

7 JULY 2010

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a **Item 1 TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE COMPOUND SHED**

MOVED: I North SECONDED: W Aubin

That Council accept the tender from Tablelands Builders Pty Ltd in the sum of \$229,422.60 (including GST), subject to variations and provisional items.

Yours faithfully



Doug Patterson
DIRECTOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES

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6 RESOLVE INTO OPEN COUNCIL

MOVED: B Bourke SECONDED: I North

RESOLVED: That Council resume Open Council.

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7 ADOPT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED: W Aubin SECONDED: M Morse

RESOLVED: That the Report of the committee of the whole, Item (a) be adopted.

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8 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5.28 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(21 July 2010)**