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April 26, 2018

**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO. 2**



**JAMES RONCON**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## **FURTHER BUSINESS**

1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 4/18 - DATED APRIL 26, 2018 - HAWSONS MINING PROJECT - MAJOR PROJECT STATUS ANNOUNCED (11/192).....3

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**ITEM 1**MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 4/18

SUBJECT: HAWSONS MINING PROJECT - MAJOR PROJECT STATUS  
ANNOUNCED 11/192

**Summary**

A significant announcement was made this week by local member Mark Coulton as it relates to the Hawson mining project some 60 kms from Broken Hill on the Wentworth Road. The announcement surrounded the granting of major project status to the mining project and this becomes just one of 14 projects to receive that standing; it is an exciting time for Broken Hill.

The General Manager and I have met regularly with the Managing Director of Carpentaria Mining since I became Mayor, and before that the previous Mayor had dealings with the Group. The General Manager and I are meeting again with Carpentaria late next week to continue discussions around how the City of Broken Hill can benefit from this development and provide any assistance we can on behalf of the Council.

One of the key issues the General Manager and I have put on the table from the beginning in our discussions, has been our desire to avoid a scenario that sees a fly in fly out (FIFO) workforce or the creation of camps etc. on the city's fringe that detract from the city's appeal and amenity. We want population growth to follow this and the other opportunities we are discussing with prospective developers and with it, families to sustain that growth.

One of the impediments I see in being able to sustain population growth and capitalise on opportunities like this, is the quality of the city's housing stock that is available for rental. I am proposing that City Council form a working group as part of the Leadership Key Direction Working Group that will investigate the issue of the housing stock as it lies within the Broken Hill boundary.

With the city being on the cusp of mining expansion and development both in terms of the traditional mining sector e.g. the Hawsons Project, and then the great opportunities being worked on in the renewables sector, there will be a need to cater for an expected jump in associated demand for new housing, for mining workforce and their families.

With the expected boon for the City of 1200 jobs during construction and then 500 jobs ongoing, staff and their families will be looking for quality housing stock in which to live when they relocate here for the jobs this project will reportedly create here in our backyard.

Broken Hill needs to consider the future impact and prepare as much as it can so that we are not caught flatfooted and in a housing crisis – whether that be people looking for new, modern housing stock or land for building new housing – and for both current and future residents.

It will require a combined approach – council, private and governmental agencies working together.

**Recommendation**

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 4/18 dated April 26, 2018, be received.
2. That the Mayor chair the working group/committee; that 2-3 councillors be invited to take part, with relevant council staff; and that the appropriate community and public sector representatives be invited.

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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MAYOR