May 29, 2023

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO.1

JAY NANKIVELL GENERAL MANAGER

FURTHER BUSINESS

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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ITEM 1

MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 10/23

SUBJECT:DEPUTY MAYOR HICKEY'S DELEGATES REPORT - COUNTRY
MAYORS' MEETING 26 MAY 2023D23/27169

Summary

Council's delegate to the Country Mayors' Association is Deputy Mayor Jim Hickey, who has provided a Delegate's Report regarding his attendance at the Country Mayors' Meeting held at Parliament House on 26 May 2023.

The meeting was attended by various Ministers and Shadow Ministers with discussions including the lack of housing in regional areas and highlighting Broken Hill's approach to addressing the lack of accommodation to attract key workers to the City, of which The Honorable Rose Jackson MP pledged her full support for the project.

Shadow Ministers present urged member councils to contact them to follow up with the new Government, any previous Government committed allocations for projects.

Please see Deputy Mayor Hickey's Delegate's Report which is attached to this Mayoral Minute.

Recommendation

- 1. That Mayoral Minute No. 10/23 dated May 29, 2023, be received.
- 2. That Deputy Mayor Hickey's Delegates Report regarding the Country Mayor's Meeting held 26 May 2023, be received and noted.
- 3. That Council contacts the relevant Shadow Ministers to follow up with the new Government, any previous Government committed allocations for Council/Broken Hill projects.

Attachments

1. J Delegates Report - Deputy Mayor Hickey

<u>T. KENNEDY</u> MAYOR COUNCILLORS REPORT

DEPUTY MAYOR HICKEY

COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING 26 May 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Broken Hill City Council at the recent Country Mayor's Association at Parliament house on 26 May 2023.

The meeting was well attended with most councils being represented.

The current Labour government was represented by the Honourable Rose Jackson Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness and the Honourable Jenny Aitchison Minister for Roads along with several senior staffers.

The opposition was very well represented by Leader Dugald Saunders, and Shadow Ministers Sam Faraway, Bonner Taylor, Kevin Anderson, Steph Cooke, Gurmesh Singh and Wendy Tuckerman.

In her opening address Honourable Rose Jackson spoke of the drastic housing shortage throughout the State and said she was very impressed by Broken Hill's very intuitive thinking to develop a multistory essential worker accommodation and she acknowledged my presence and said it is this type of thinking and project that she will fully support - great news for Broken Hill.

There was a lot of talk of the recent motions to legislate against any privatisation of Greater Sydney Water, however it doesn't extend to the rest of the state at this stage.

Minister Jenny Aitchison spoke of the problems of fixing roads, however I'm not sure if she has ventured over the Great Dividing Range as she only spoke of the Northern rivers and Metro areas.

The Shadow Ministers spoke strongly of the support they are offering all councils in following up any problems with the Government delivering on the previous Government's committed allocations for projects. They have advised councils to immediately contact them for assistance and this could be the case with our telecommunications tower at the racecourse.

Newcastle and Wollongong had both requested to become member councils and there was a submission that the Country Mayors association align themselves with the LG new boundaries for country and city however a vote of members saw this motion defeated and the non-inclusion of Newcastle and Wollongong as their agendas are too far apart from the majority of country councils.

Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Deputy Mayor

Jim Hickey



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