

September 27, 2023

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING
TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO 2

**JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER**

REPORTS

- 1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 17/23 - DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 - AGED CARE CRISIS (D23/52817)..... 3

- 2. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 18/23 - DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 - RESOURCES FOR REGIONS (D23/52815) 5

Recommendation

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 17/23 dated September 27, 2023, be received.
2. That Council write to Minister for Aged Care and Sport Anika Wells, Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler, Federal Member for Parkes Mark Coulton, and Member for Barwon Roy Butler requesting that Broken Hill's aged care services be urgently reclassified to MM6 under the Modified Monash Model.
3. That Council write to Minister for Aged Care and Sport Anika Wells and Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler requesting an urgent meeting with Southern Cross Care to discuss what immediate short-term financial and staffing support is available to ensure local aged care services do not face further reductions in service or closure.
4. That Council acknowledge and support the work being performed by Southern Cross Care Broken Hill and the Local Far West Health District locally in ensuring aged care is sustainable and begins to grow to ensure the city's valued elderly residents are not neglected and forced to leave their home town in their old age.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

T. KENNEDY
MAYOR

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ITEM 2MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 18/23SUBJECT: RESOURCES FOR REGIONS D23/52815**Summary**

The NSW Government's decision to scrap the Resources For Regions funding program looms as a great concern for Broken Hill.

Resources For Regions was specifically created to support communities across regional NSW impacted by mining, and Broken Hill has received approximately \$15 million from the program over the last 11 years.

This money has gone toward a variety of important projects such as the Civic Centre refurbishment, new library building, the O'Neill Sporting Complex upgrade, and upgrades to the airside movement areas of the airport.

The NSW Government has since created the \$350 million Regional Development Trust and the \$250 million Working Regions Fund, however Broken Hill will be subject to increased competition for this funding model.

Under Resources For Regions, Broken Hill only competed against 26 other mining communities for funding. However, under the new funding programs Broken Hill will have to compete against other regional Councils of various natures.

Given the massive contribution mining communities make toward the royalties that fund these programs, it is essential that they receive a level of priority when it comes to the distribution of funding.

Furthermore, mining and resource communities such as Broken Hill are subject to the ongoing boom and bust cycle brought about by the inherent reliance on the world economy and international relationships. During times of economic down turn and employment losses in the mining sector the economic impact and value added by the Resources for Regions funding has been integral to employment and service sustainability along with much needed financial and economic injections into the community for future growth and improved liveability.

It should be noted that the NSW Minerals Council has forecast \$13.2 billion in mining royalties to the NSW Government over the next four years. It is only fair that Broken Hill and other mining communities be prioritised for any future funding given their current and historical contribution to wealth of the State and Australia.

Recommendation

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 18/23 dated September 27, 2023, be received.

2. That Council writes to the NSW Premier Chris Minns, Minister for Regional NSW and Western New South Wales Tara Moriarty, and Member for Barwon Roy Butler requesting that mining communities receive funding priority under the Regional Development Trust and Working Regions Fund.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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