



# **KYOGLÉ COUNCIL**

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**TO BE HELD AT KYOGLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATHEDEN  
STREET, KYOGLE**

ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2011

Commencing at 3.30 p.m.

**GENERAL MANAGER:           ARTHUR PIGGOTT**

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, you are hereby notified of the following **Extraordinary Meeting** to be held at the Kyogle Council Chambers, on **Monday 12 September 2011, at 3.30 p.m.**

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillors and Senior Staff are reminded to consider whether a Pecuniary Interest exists in any matter on the Agenda for this Meeting or raised during the course of the Meeting. The term "Pecuniary Interest" should be extended to include possible "conflicts of interest" and immediately declared prior to discussion of the Agenda item. Where a direct or indirect pecuniary interest exists, the member must refrain from commenting on or voting on the subject matter and must leave the Chamber.

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ARTHUR PIGGOTT  
GENERAL MANAGER

## COUNCIL PRAYER

"Almighty God, Ruler of all the Nations, we ask for your blessing upon this Meeting of Council.

Give us your wisdom to work in harmony and direct and prosper all that we do to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the People of the Council Area.

AMEN

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Adopted by Council on October 21, 1991.  
Resolution 91 /G 1159

Note: Council Policy is for the Mayor or Chairperson to lead the Council Meeting in the Prayer at the start of the first Meeting of the day.

**Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Lands of the Bundjalung people and we acknowledge elders, both past and present.**

Adopted by Council on 11 December 2006.  
Resolution 111206/21

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The advice or information contained within the Minutes enclosed with this Business Paper is given by the Council without liability or responsibility for its accuracy. Reliance cannot be placed on this advice or information until the Minutes have been duly accepted as an accurate record and confirmed by Resolution of Council.

(ARTHUR PIGGOTT),  
GENERAL MANAGER.



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## **ITEM 1 APOLOGIES**

## **ITEM 2 OPENING PRAYER**

## **ITEM 3 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

## **ITEM 4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil.

## **ITEM 5 GENERAL MANAGER 'S REPORT**

### **5.1 COAL SEAM GAS PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY**

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#### **Summary/Purpose**

This report seeks a response from Council in relation to the Coal Seam Gas Parliamentary Inquiry to be held on Wednesday 21 September 2011, 1.30 pm, at House with No Steps, Alstonville.

#### **Community Strategic Plan Item(s)**

- Governance and Community Service
- Roads and Infrastructure
- Village Life
- Economic Development
- Environmental and Planning
- Waste & Water

#### **Report**

Council has received an invitation from the organisers of a Parliamentary inquiry into coal seam gas to be held at Alstonville on 21 September for a representative to participate in the inquiry.

The inquiry will look into:

- Effect on ground and surface water systems
- Effects related to the use of chemicals
- Effects related to hydraulic fracturing
- Effect on crown lands including travelling stock routes and State forests

- Nature and effectiveness of remediation required under the Act
- Effect on greenhouse gas and other emissions
- Relative air quality and environmental impacts compared to alternative fossil fuels
- Legal rights of property owners and property values
- Food security and agricultural activity
- Regional development, investment and employment, and State competitiveness
- Royalties payable to the State
- Local Government including provision of local/regional infrastructure and local planning control mechanisms

The organisers have advised that they will allow one participant on behalf of Council and that participant must speak for the Council, not as an individual.

They have also advised that the participant would be involved in a 45 minute session commencing at 1:30pm that involves a panel of Councils. It is anticipated that the participants on this panel will each be allowed a 5 minute opening statement, followed by a period of questions to the council representatives.

As this is a parliamentary inquiry, participants will be sworn in, a transcript of proceedings will be prepared and it will be open to the general public.

The only resolution Council has passed to date in relation to this matter is as follows:

*"That Council write to the State government to call for a moratorium on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) drilling until such times as the impact of CSG on water supplies, the environment and personal property and amenity is understood through independent research, funded by government, is carried out."*

It will therefore be necessary for Council to consider it's position on the above items to enable the participant to put forward Council's views.

To assist with Councils consideration of this matter, information previously obtained from Metgasco has been separately attached to this report.

## **Recommendation**

That Council determines its position in relation to Coal Seam Gas for the purposes of the Parliamentary Inquiry.

## **Attachments**

1. News article - Northern Star 9 September 2011 (separately attached)
2. Metgasco responses to residents questions (separately attached)
3. General information on Coal Seam Gas provided by Metgasco. (separately attached)





APPENDIX / ATTACHMENTS

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# ATTACHMENTS

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