

Kyogle Council

Confirmed Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Monday 12 September 2011.

PRESENT

Cr. E. Bennett, (Mayor in the Chair), Cr. R. Brown, Cr L Zito, Cr. J. Wilson, Cr. L. Passfield (arrived 3.36 p.m.) and Cr. R. Dwyer.

IN ATTENDANCE

The General Manager, the Director of Planning & Environmental Services and the Personal Assistant to the General Manager & Corporate Services.

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 3.30 p.m.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor John O'Reilly, Councillor Tom Cooper and Councillor Robert Leadbeatter.

120911/ 1 RESOLVED

Moved Councillor Ross Brown, seconded Councillor Lynette Zito.

That the apologies are accepted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - John O'Reilly, Robert Leadbeatter, Tom Cooper, Lindsay Passfield

ITEM 2 OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

ITEM 3 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor read the traditional lands acknowledgement.

ITEM 4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 5 GENERAL MANAGER 'S REPORT

5.1 COAL SEAM GAS PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

A motion was moved by Councillor Lynette Zito, seconded Councillor Robert Dwyer

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

A motion was foreshadowed by Councillor Ross Brown

That Council addresses the Parliamentary Inquiry taking the positions outlined in the below;

1. That Council re-confirms its request to the State Government for a moratorium on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) drilling (not just the issue of licences) until such time 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.
2. That Council advises the Parliamentary Inquiry that it supports the many genuine concerns of a large proportion of its community with regards to the Coal Seam gas Industry and the proposed pipeline along the Lions Road and their potential impacts on our Council area. In particular we note the potential for adverse impact on the headwaters of the Richmond River from which a majority of our community depends upon for human use, irrigation and stock use.
3. That Council advises the Parliamentary Inquiry that the Coal Seam Gas Industry should be subject to the same process as any other development. That is via a comprehensive EIS which addresses all the issues, provides for Community input and places the onus on the industry to provide scientific proof of the safety aspects. Not the reverse as recently suggested by the Minister.
4. That Council provides a further written submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry which outlines in more detail the community concerns as expressed in resolution no. 2.

The motion was put to the vote and was CARRIED.

120911/ 2 RESOLVED

Councillor Lynette Zito, seconded Councillor Robert Dwyer.

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CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - John O'Reilly, Robert Leadbeatter, Tom Cooper

A motion was moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Janet Wilson

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120911/ 3 RESOLVED

Councillor Ross Brown, seconded Councillor Janet Wilson.

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FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - John O'Reilly, Robert Leadbeatter, Tom Cooper

A motion was moved by Councillor Robert Dwyer, seconded Councillor Ross Brown

That Council write to Tony Windsor MP expressing concerns with Coal Seam Gas explorations, and advise that Council supports him in presenting his private members bill to the Federal Parliament.

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CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

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MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

Signature of Chairperson.....

