

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CHERRY ST, BALLINA  
ON FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Isaac Smith, Katie Milne; David Wright, Simon Richardson  
Anita Gambhir (Office of Local Government); Louise McMeeking (Regional NSW)  
General Managers Troy Green, Vaughan MacDonald, Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey,  
Michael Thurston (Destination North Coast), Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers)  
Cr Jim Simmons, Ashley Lindsay (Clarence Valley Council)

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Robert Mustow (Richmond Valley Council), Cr Virginia West (Scenic Rim Council), Isabel Perdriau (NRJO Executive Officer); Shelley Oldham (Lismore City Council)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chair Danielle Mulholland declared an interest in item 7.8 – Blue Gas Technologies proposal

**4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS**

A presentation on the Biodiversity Legislation Reforms Project draft report was provided by Scott Hetherington, Tweed Shire Council

Mayor Jim Simmons and Ashley Lindsay, General Manager of Clarence Valley Council provided an update of CVC activities.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING**

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Meeting 8 November 2019

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**07022020/1 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne**

*THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 8 November 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

## **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NIL received**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST**

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**07022020/2 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Mulholland**

*THAT the report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously.

### **7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS**

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**07022020/3 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Richardson**

*THAT the report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** – All Councillors voted unanimously.

### **7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**07022020/4 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Smith**

*THAT the report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

### **7.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL**

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**07022020/5 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne**

*THAT the report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**7.5 NEW ENGLAND JO – MINUTES OF MEETING 25 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**07022020/6 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Wright**

*THAT the report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

**7.6 CHAIR'S REPORT**

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**07022020/7 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne**

*THAT the following recommendations be accepted.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the JOAC Agreed Definition of Financial Sustainability be received and noted:

***Agreed Definition of Financial Sustainability***

***A definition of financial sustainability was agreed by all Joint Organisations and has been endorsed.***

***'A Joint Organisation will be financially sustainable over the long term when it is able to generate sufficient funds and deliver on the Strategic Regional Priorities agreed with its members and stakeholders.'***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board receive and note the documents provided in the meeting papers relating to the Joint Organisation Advisory Committee (JOAC).

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT The NSW JO Chairs' Forum Terms of Reference be endorsed for annual rotation of the Chair position and inclusion of the role of Deputy Chair.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Chair's report be received and noted:

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

**7.7 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

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**07022020/8 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Wright**

*THAT the following recommendations be accepted.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*THAT the Board approve an amendment to the NRJO Charter to incorporate the position of Deputy Chair.*

**RECOMMENNDATION**

*THAT the Board receive and note the Executive officer's report*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

The Chair then called for nominations for the role of Interim Deputy Chair. Cr Smith was the only nominee

**07022020/9 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne**

*THAT Cr Smith be appointed as interim Deputy Chair*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously

**7.8 BLUE GAS TECHNOLOGIES – PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION**

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Cr Mulholland left the room at 11.59 due to a conflict of interest. Cr Smith took the Chair.

**07022020/10 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Richardson/ Cr Wright**

*THAT the report be received and noted.*

Cr Richardson moved an amendment:

**Amendment:**

*THAT the NRJO acknowledge receipt of the proposal from Blue Gas technologies but decline to progress further*

*THAT the Board request the Executive Officer present further unsolicited proposals to GMAC for consideration prior to presentation to the Board*

**07022020/11**

**Moved: Cr Richardson/ Cr Milne**

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Mulholland returned to the room at 12.08 and resumed the Chair

## **7.9 LGNSW CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board determine the appropriate target audience for a Climate Change workshop

### **07022020/12 RESOLVED**

Cr Mulholland moved an amendment

#### **Amendment:**

*THAT NRJO request a full day workshop for relevant council staff with a report on the workshop to be presented to the Board when completed*

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith**

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

## **7.10 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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### **07022020/13 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Wright**

*THAT the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2019 be accepted*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

## **7.11 STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

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### **07022020/14 RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith**

*THAT the NRJO re-endorse the existing regional priorities as amended;*

- *Row 1 Project Outcome: Replace "forestation" with "plantation and reforestation"*
- *Row 3 Project Outcome: Add additional dot point "reinstatement of rail corridors for transport purposes"*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

**07022020/15**

**MOVED: Cr Mulholland/ K Milne**

*THAT items of urgent business be considered*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**07022020/16 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith**

*THAT NRJO lobby the State government to have the waste levy redirected by member councils to the JOs to pursue innovative waste projects within their regional footprint and to address local waste issues*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**07022020/17 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: Cr Milne/ Cr Richardson**

*THAT the Board receive and note the documentation around the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review - Independent Panel draft Terms of reference and request for feedback*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**07022020/18 RESOLVED**

**MOVED: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne**

*THAT the Board meet every two months with workshops to be conducted around specific issues*

**CARRIED**

**FOR VOTE** - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence report was noted.

MEETING CLOSED 12.45pm

**Next meeting**

**Joint meeting with Mid North Coast JO**

**25 March 2020**

**SYDNEY**

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## Proposed meeting dates 2020

Date	Purpose	Location
Friday 7 February 2020	GMAC and Board	Ballina
Monday 2 March 2020	GMAC	Ballina
<del>Wednesday 25 March 2020</del>	<del>Joint meeting MNCJO</del>	<del>Sydney</del>
Friday 8 May 2020	GMAC and Board	Lismore
Friday 26 June 2020	GMAC and Board	Kyogle
Friday 21 August 2020	GMAC and Board	Tweed
Friday 25 September 2020	GMAC and Board	Byron
Friday 20 November 2020	GMAC and Board	RVC

\* Workshops covering identified priority projects and advocacy areas will be convened prior to each meeting of the Board as needed