



Ordinary Meeting

MM01

BUSINESS PAPER

Tuesday, 8 December 2015 at 7:00 pm

Griffith City Council Chambers
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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 BENEREMBAH STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 ON
TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7:00 PM**

MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Griffith City Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 on **Tuesday, 8 December 2015**.

Persons in the gallery are advised that the proceedings of the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the Minutes. However, under the Local Government Act 1993, no other recording is permitted without the authority of the Council or Committee. Recording includes a video camera and any electronic device capable of recording speech.

Members of the public may address Council in relation to the items listed in this Agenda by contacting Council on (02) 6962 8100 by 12.00 pm on the day of the meeting.

Mayoral Minutes

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Brett Stonestreet

GENERAL MANAGER

CLAUSE **MM01**

TITLE **Minutes of the Utilities Committee Meeting held 7 December 2015**

FROM **John Dal Broi, Councillor**

TRIM REF **15/82711**

SUMMARY

A meeting of the Utilities Committee was held on Monday 7 December 2015 to consider a report entitled Griffith City Council Water Supply Allocation – Temporary Trade. The minutes are attached for the consideration of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Utilities Committee meeting held on 7 December 2015 be adopted.

REPORT

Griffith City Council has an annual high security town water supply allocation of 14,407 ML. The city's annual consumption during the period 2006/07 to 2013/14 was approximately an average of 7,200 ML. The General Manager's report on 26 March 2015 (refer attached link) requested support of the Utilities Committee in making application to temporarily trade part of the unused portion of this water allocation each year whilst there is a surplus of water available to do so. [Link to 26 March 2015 Agenda](#)

On 4 December 2015, Council received a letter from NSW Department of Primary Industries Water (attached) allowing the temporary trade of Griffith City Council's unused portion of its town water allocation.

A meeting of the Utilities Committee was held on Monday 7 December 2015. The Committee considered a report in relation to approval for temporary trade of part of Griffith City Council's water supply. The minutes are attached for the consideration of Council.

OPTIONS

Any other resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Water Conservation Strategy and Demand Management Strategy 2009
Water Conservation Measures Policy WS-CP-102

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The temporary trade of water would result in additional revenue to Council's budget. The quantum of revenue is difficult to estimate but could range between \$400,000 (at an average price of \$100 per MGL) and \$800,000 (if at an average of \$200 per MGL) per annum depending on the quantity of water traded and the \$ value per ML available on the temporary market.

LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The licencing of local water supplies is administered by DPI Water and Council must therefore comply with directions in this regard.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item D9 - Establish social and commercial infrastructure for the betterment of community wellbeing and natural resource management.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

Utilities Committee

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Minutes of the Utilities Committee Meeting held 7 December 2015 | 5 |
| (b) | Letter from NSW DPI Water dated 4 December 2015 | 7 |



MINUTES

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Dino Zappacosta (Chair), Mayor John Dal Broi, Councillor Paul Rossetto, Patricia Cox (Councillor - Alternate), Matthew Curley (Community Rep), Russell Rowley (Stakeholder), Virginia Tropeano (Stakeholder)

Quorum = 5

STAFF

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon and Minute Secretary, Kathleen Calabria

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Chris Green and John Roser.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Virginia Tropeano and Councillor Paul Rossetto that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 July 2015, having first been circulated amongst all member, be confirmed.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Paul Rossetto and Councillor Pat Cox that the report of the meeting held on 15 October 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Councillor Rossetto
CL03 Griffith City Council Water Supply Allocation – Temporary Trade
Reason – Murrumbidgee Irrigation Shareholder no significant influence.

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5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATION - TEMPORARY TRADE

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Paul Rossetto and Russell Rowley that:

- (a) The General Manager has delegated authority to commence temporary trade of part of Griffith City Council's water supply.
- (b) Residential and Commercial water supply always remain the first priority before trading to ensure enough water is maintained for the city requirements.
- (c) 4,000ML of Temporary Water Allocation is to be purchased by irrigators located within the Griffith Local Government area.
- (d) 2,000ML will be placed immediately on the market in parcels of up to 250ML per irrigator.
- (e) The balance will be reviewed by the Committee and placed on the market when appropriate.
- (f) The revenue from the temporary trade of water be utilised for major community projects as determined by Council.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

18/4/15 – Ron Pike Presentation – completed.

16/7/15 – Ron Pike Presentation – completed.

15/10/15 – Lake Wyangan – Graham Gordon to write to MI re future planning of infrastructure to assist with circulation of water (flow through) in the north & south lake to assist in improving the quality of water at Lake Wyangan.

15/10/15 – Yenda Progress Association – Councillor Rossetto has reported discussions with Council staff, gave a brief report and advised the project is on hold for now.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Build More Dams Committee

Councillor Rossetto has asked the Build More Dams Committee follow up an invitation to Niall Blair Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water to attend a Committee meeting to address the Committee on water priorities and water trading.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is to be held on Thursday, 21 April 2016 at 1:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2.23pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON



Department of
Primary Industries
Office of Water

BN15/7536

Mr Brett Stonestreet
General Manager
Griffith City Council
PO Box 485
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

Dear Mr Stonestreet,

Access Licence Dealings Principles Order 2004

I am writing to inform you that DPI Water has, as requested, completed a review of the *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004*. As a result, DPI Water has developed amendments to the *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004* to enable temporary trade of town water supply licences.

I have approved the amendments, and they will commence upon publication on the NSW Legislation website.

We will keep you informed of the process.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mark Harris, Manager Rural Water Policy, to assist you. Mr Harris may be contacted at the NSW Office of Water's Parramatta Office on telephone number (02) 8838 7823.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hanlon".

Gavin Hanlon
Deputy Director General Primary Industries Water

4 December 2015