

WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wattle Range Council held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, George Street, Millicent on Tuesday, 15 January 2019 at 5.00 pm.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING / CIVIC PRAYER / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor D Noll
 Cr D Agnew
 Cr G Brown
 Cr D Burrow
 Cr S Cox
 Cr P Dunnicliff
 Cr K McGrath
 Cr M Neagle
 Cr R Paltridge
 Cr D Price [arrived at 5.02 pm]
 Cr G Slarks

Messrs BJ Gower (Chief Executive Officer)
 PA Duka (Director Corporate Services)
 DK Sexton (Acting Director Engineering Services / Manager Assets)
 SW Chapple (Director Development Services)
 Ms CP Allen (Executive Assistant)

3. APOLOGIES

Cr J Drew

9.1 Environmental Protection Authority

[Mr Andrew Pruszinski and Ms Naomi Grey attended the meeting at 5.12 pm]

Mr Andrew Pruszinski, Manager of the Site Contamination Branch and Naomi Grey, Manager, SE Office made a presentation to Council in regard to Groundwater Contamination at the Miland Treated Timbers Facility.

Cr Price moved that Council:

1. Pursuant to Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(j) of the *Local Government Act, 1999*, the Council orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to Item 9.1 excepting the following persons:

- Mr BJ Gower – Chief Executive Officer
- Mr PA Duka – Director Corporate Services
- Mr DK Sexton – Acting Director Engineering Services / Manager Assets
- Mr SW Chapple – Director Development Services
- Ms CP Allen – Executive Assistant / Minute Taker

to enable the Council to consider Item 9.1 Environment Protection Authority in confidence on the basis the Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting those persons listed above) in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the following information or matter relating to Item 9.1:

Information the disclosure of which:

- (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the Council, or a person engaged by the Council); and
- (ii) would on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Specifically, the present matter relates to information provided by the EPA. This information was communicated to Council on a confidential basis.

The disclosure of this information would be unreasonable because the information is sensitive / confidential and is not a matter of public knowledge.

2. Accordingly, on the basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or matter confidential.

Cr Cox seconded

CARRIED

Cr Burrow moved that Council move out of confidence.

Cr Agnew seconded

CARRIED

19. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

19.1 Review of Eligible Section 184 – Sale of Properties for Unpaid Rates

[Cr Brown left the meeting at 9.55 pm]

Cr Cox moved that Council:

1. Pursuant to Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act, 1999*, the Council orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to Item 19.1 excepting the following persons:
 - Mr BJ Gower – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mr PA Duka – Director Corporate Services
 - Mr DK Sexton – Acting Director Engineering Services / Manager Assets
 - Mr SW Chapple – Director Development Services
 - Ms CP Allen – Executive Assistant / Minute Taker

to enable the Council to consider Item 19.1 Review of eligible section 184 sale of properties for unpaid rates in confidence on the basis the Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting those persons listed above) in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the following information or matter relating to Item 19.1:

Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Specifically, the present matter relates to information pertaining to unpaid rates.

The disclosure of this information would be unreasonable because the information is sensitive / confidential and is not a matter of public knowledge.

2. Accordingly, on the basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or matter confidential.

[Cr Brown resumed the meeting at 9.58 pm]

Cr Burrow seconded

CARRIED

Cr Brown moved that Council supports the progression of the following properties to S184 sale of properties for unpaid rates:

- Rate Assessment # A9485 – 7 Ann Street, KALANGADOO
- Rate Assessment # A8176 – 41 Brown Street, MOUNT BURR
- Rate Assessment # A12584 – 2-4 Elder Street, KALANGADOO
- Rate Assessment # A9229 – 13 Sutton Road, KALANGADOO

Cr Slarks seconded

CARRIED

Cr Price moved that Council:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act, 1999* Council orders that the following documents (or Part) shall be kept confidential being documents (or part) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Act:

- **The Attachment of Item No. 19.1**

On the grounds that the document contains:

Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure or information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Specifically, the present matter relates to information pertaining to unpaid rates.

The disclosure of this information would be unreasonable because the information is sensitive / confidential and is not a matter of public knowledge.

This order shall operate **until further order of the Council** and will be reviewed at least annually in accordance with the Act.

2. Pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the Act, the Council delegations to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke this order and must advise the Council of the revocation of this order as soon as possible after such revocation has occurred.

Cr Burrow seconded

CARRIED

Taken as presented and confirmed.

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MAYOR

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DATE