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Extraordinary Board Meeting

Business Papers

Date: 24 January 2019
Location: via Teleconference
Time: 2.30pm



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1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AT MEETINGS

Name of meeting _____
 Meeting date _____
 Item / Report Number _____

I _____ declare the following interest:

(name)

Pecuniary – must leave meeting, take no part in discussion and voting.

Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict – Recommended that Board Member leaves chamber, takes no part in discussion or voting.

Non-Pecuniary – Less Significant Conflict – Board Member may choose to remain in Chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

*(Definitions are provided on the next page).

For the reason that -

Signed

Date



DEFINITIONS

(Local Government Act and Code of Conduct)

Pecuniary – An interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

(Local Government Act, 1993 section 442 and 443)

A Councillor or other member of a Council Committee who is present at a meeting and has a pecuniary interest in any matter which is being considered must disclose the nature of that interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.

The Council or other member must not take part in the consideration or discussion on the matter and must not vote on any question relating to that matter. *(Section 451)*.

Non-pecuniary – A private or personal interest the council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Act (for example; a friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature).

If you have declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, you have a broad range of options for managing the conflict. The option you choose will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of your interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. You must deal with a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in at least one of these ways.

- It may be appropriate that no action is taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, council officials should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (for example, participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice-versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (for example, relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict or reallocating the conflicting duties to another officer).
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue if the provision in section 451(2) of the Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest).



3. CHANGE OF COMMENCEMENT TIME FOR THE 1 FEBRUARY 2019 MID NORTH COAST JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board resolve to change the start time of the 1 February 2019 Mid North Coast Joint Organisation (MNCJO) Board meeting from 9:30am to 10:30am, due to an earlier meeting take place on that date with member Councils of the MNCJO.

REPORT

The adopted Code of Meeting Practice of the Mid North Coast Joint Organisation (MNCJO) provides under Clause 1, that the MNCJO can change the time or date of any particular meetings by resolution at a preceding meeting, without prior notice being given.

Further to this, Clause 1 also states that the MNCJO Board may transact any of its business at a meeting at which representatives (or some representatives) participate by telephone or other electronic means, but only if the representative who is speaking can be heard by all other representatives.

This extraordinary MNCJO Board meeting (via teleconference) has been called in order for the Board to give formal consideration to changing the start time of the MNCJO Board meeting scheduled for Friday 1 February 2019 at Bellingen Shire Council from 9:30am to 10:30am.

The reason for this proposed change in meeting time is to accommodate a meeting being held earlier that morning between member Councils of the MNCJO and others with the Minister for Roads, Maritime & Freight & Member for Oxley, The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP.