

# CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

## COUNCIL MEETING 30 MARCH 2022

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## 1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting will be declared open at 11:30AM.

This meeting will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(a) and 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as it contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>2.1.3.22s</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Cathy Winsley - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### Summary

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this or future Ordinary General Meetings.

### Background

Not applicable.

### Comment

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

### Statutory Environment

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* s.47 a person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

### Financial Implications

Not applicable.

### Recommendation

***That Council accepts the apology of Cr \_\_\_\_\_ for the Special Council meeting on the 30 March 2022. The Council notes the absence without apology of Cr***

***\_\_\_\_\_.***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

### 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>3.1.3.22s</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Cathy Winsley - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

#### **Summary**

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda.

#### **Background**

**Elected Members** are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

**Staff Members** of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegated authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the CEO or Acting CEO expressly directs him or her to do so.

#### **Comment**

NIL

#### **Statutory Environment**

- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 114 (Elected Members).
- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 179 (Staff Members)

#### **Policy Implications**

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

#### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

#### **Recommendation**

***That Council receives and notes the declarations of interest for the Special Council Meeting 30 March 2022.***

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from the Local Government and Regional Development - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

- Maree De Lacey - Executive Director
- Brad Jolly -
- Alysha Chambers -

## 5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 5.1 Coomalie and Belyuen Community Government Councils' Amalgamation discussions

**Report Number**

**5.1.3.22s**

**Author**

**Cathy Winsley - CEO**

**Attachments**

**Have Your Say consultation package from NTG**

#### **Summary**

Council is being updated on the current situation with regards to future boundary reforms that may impact Belyuen Community Government Council.

#### **Background**

The Belyuen Community Government Council and the Coomalie Community Government Council have consistently indicated their willingness to merge since 2017 and in 2019 submitted an amalgamation proposal to the Minister for Local Government. Unfortunately, this proposal was unsuccessful.

In January 2022, Coomalie Community Government Council invited the Minister for Local Government to meet with the Council to discuss (among other things) the way forward for discussions of future amalgamation of Coomalie and Belyuen Councils. On the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Minister wrote a letter to the Coomalie Council (attached) in response.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, the NT Government announced a new Consultation process called "Bringing Local Government to the Cox-Daly and Murrakai-Douglas Daly Areas". This consultation process seeks feedback on the inclusion of the Cox-Daly and Murrakai-Douglas Daly unincorporated areas into a local government area(s).

## **Comment**

The information that has been provided to Coomalie Community Government Council from the Minister for Local Government indicates that he encourages proposals for amalgamation that are supported by the impacted Councils.

Coomalie and Belyuen councils have historically supported amalgamation and have also supported the incorporation of unincorporated land within their region.

The Council is encouraged to discuss the proposal and provide direction to staff. The specific questions within the consultation include:

### **Cox-Daly unincorporated area**

1. Should the whole of the Cox-Daly unincorporated area be included into one local government council area or should portions of the unincorporated area be included into different local government council areas?
2. If the answer to Question 1 above is that the whole of the unincorporated area should be included into one local government area, then which existing local government council area should the unincorporated area be included into and why?
3. If the answer to Question 1 above is that portions of the unincorporated area should be included into different local government council areas, please explain why that should be the case and give details of which portions of the unincorporated area should be included into which existing local government council areas.
4. It is proposed that any inclusion of the Cox-Daly unincorporated area into a local government area(s) will not occur before 1 July 2023. Is there any reason why this timeframe should be reduced or extended?

### **Statutory Environment**

- *Local Government Act 2019*

### **Financial Implications**

NIL at this stage

### **Recommendation**

***That Council provides direction to the CEO on the approach to the NTG regarding the consultation process and potential amalgamation of the Belyuen and Coomalie.***

Move:

Second: