

THE MINUTES OF THE AERODROME COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE RIVERINA ROOM 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT, ON TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021**COMMENCING AT**

5:30pm

PRESENT:

Clr John Larter (Councillor Delegate), Fred Kell, Graham Smith, Bridget Ryan, Peter Wilson, Rod Blundell (TAC representative), Tom Moxey, Jon Gregory – RFS.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Geoffrey Rotgans – Survey & Design Engineer (Council Delegate)
Heinz Kausche – Executive Director Infrastructure
Brook Penfold – Coordinator Governance & Risk

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**AC1/21 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Aerodrome Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2020 be received.

Graham Smith / Jon Gregory

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Old signage at the Aerodrome needs replacement.

4. AGENDA ITEMS**4.1 AERODROME MATTERS FOR MARCH 2021****AC2/21 RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Received the report on Aerodrome Matters for March 2021.
2. Reviewed the New Committees Framework.
3. Noted that a new draft Terms of Reference is to be issued by Council in-line with the New Committees Framework which will need to be reviewed at the June Aerodrome Committee meeting.
4. Discussed recent developments and put forward strategies and features to be considered for inclusion in the new masterplan.

5. Noted the Expression of Interest process for hangar lots.

Graham Smith / Jon Gregory

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussions on the Masterplan included:

- The possibility of moving the fuel facility/using underground tanks. The Executive Director Infrastructure outlined the current trend to use aboveground tanks for environment protection reasons – above ground tanks are easier to access, maintain, and detect leaks.
- Water supply for Rural Fire Service should be included in the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) grant funding.
- Power and sewerage requirements should also be considered where possible.

6 NEXT MEETING

8th June 2021 at 5:30pm in the RHB Riverina Room

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 6:41pm.

THE MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TUMUT ROOM 76 CAPPER STREET, TUMUT, ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021

COMMENCING AT 11:04 am

PRESENT: Cr Bruce Wright, Andrew Vaz (Co-ordinator Survey and Design)
Fazlul Hoque (Roads & Maritime Services), Senior Constable
Gregory Tarbit (NSW Police Highway Patrol)
Ray 'Dossie' Carr – (Justin Clancy MP Representative), Steven
Horsley (Dr Joe McGirr MP Representative).

IN ATTENDANCE: Anthony Carroll (Road Safety Officer). Greg Mineham

1. APOLOGIES Cr Margaret Isselmann, Heinz Kausche (Executive Director Infrastructure), Glen McGrath (Manager Technical Services),

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2020 be received.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Engine Braking within Town Limits. This is an issue for Albury Street, Tumbarumba. Should signs be installed on No Engine Braking

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AROUND TUMBARUMBA RETIREMENT VILLAGE AND MITCHELL STREET.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on "Traffic Arrangements around Tumbarumba Retirement Village and Mitchell Street".
2. Request that Council applies to TfNSW Customer Service for a speed zone adjustment for Mitchell Street to 40 km/hr.
3. Request that Council install a "No Parking" zone on Mitchell Street in the vicinity of the Ambulance Station.
4. Request that Council, Murrumbidgee Health District and Transport for NSW conduct a site visit and inspect the practicality of installing a "One Way" street direction to the Mitchell Street 'hook' around the Rotary Retirement Village and report to the next Traffic Committee.

6. Request that Council and Transport for NSW investigate and prepare a report for a range of traffic calming devices to slow traffic down in the Mitchel Street Hook.
7. Request that Council survey and design a suitable PAMP path (suitable for mobility scooters) on the Eastern and Northern side of the Mitchel Street hook with clear delineation between the street and the PAMP path (wide footpath)
8. Request that Council surveys and prepares a feasibility report for a negotiable PAMP Path from the Retirement Village to the creek track along the Tumbarumba Creek.

4.2 TRAVERS STREET CHANGE TO CUL-DE-SAC

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on Travers Street Change to Cul-de-Sac
2. Request that Council formally survey opinions from residents in Travers Street regarding closing the street to through traffic.
3. Request that Council prepare drawings for converting Travers Street into a Cul-de-Sac.
4. That Council Note the concerns from Transport for NSW regarding the closure of Travers Street.
5. That Council Request TfNSW to gazette Travers Street to be a cul de sac.
6. Request that Council seeks funds to do the necessary works to convert Travers Street into a cul-de-sac.

4.3 TOOMA AND POSSUMS POINT ROAD CONDITIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on Tooma and Possums Point Road Conditions.
2. Snowy Valleys Council recommends that Transport for NSW undertake a speed zone review in the vicinity of the intersection of Possum Point Road and the Tooma Road MR 628.

4.4 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - TUMBAFEST 2021**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on the Special Event Application – 2021 Tumbafest Event.
2. Support the Special Event Application for the 2021 Tumbafest Event, subject to Council's standard conditions.

4.5 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - ROCK THE TURF 2021**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on the Special Event Application – 2021 Rock the Turf.
2. Support the Special Event Application for the 2021 Rock the Turf Event, subject to Council's standard conditions.
3. Requests the council to investigate designs and costings to upgrade the shoulders of the road.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Pedestrian Facility MR 85 Batlow**

Transport for NSW with consultation with Snowy Valleys Council does not proceed with plans to install a pedestrian facility across MR85 within the limits of the 40 km/hr speed zone.

The rationale is that;

- there are no sites available that cater for the approaching sight distances;
- the facility if installed would result in the loss of parking amenities in the ranges 8 to 12 car parking bays in the vicinity of the shopping area; and
- heavy vehicles, especially the GML vehicles, have swept pathways through the Central Business District that would be wider than the designs of pedestrian facilities.

Transport for NSW recommends that the 40 KM/hr signs be replaced with C size 40 km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area signs (R4-236) at the limits of the 40 km/hr zones and that repeater signs be installed at locations where pedestrian traffic is frequent and that

40 km/hr Pavement numerals be installed as recommended.

(Page 10 and 15 of 40 km/h speed limits in high volume pedestrian areas: A guide to identifying and implementing 40 km/h speed limits in high volume pedestrian areas)

5.2 Pump Track Access:

Public Access along MR 4 Snowy Mountains Highway, in vicinity of 154 Fitzroy Street (Pump Track and play grounds) was discussed. Recommendation is that a report to be made for a future traffic committee meeting.

5.3 Parking in vicinity of Café at the Tumut Race Course, Elm Drive Tumut.

The parking congestion along Elm Drive discussed at the meeting. The recommendation is that a report be prepared for a future traffic committee meeting.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 11 am on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at the Tumbarumba council chambers.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 12:10 pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TUMUT
DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD IN THE GUNDAGAI ROOM, RHB BUILDING, 76 CAPPER STREET,
TUMUT
ON
MONDAY 15 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM.**

Present:

Committee: Margaret Davies (Chair), Lorraine Oliver, John Dickeson, Jaen Dickeson, Kaye Sturt, Anita Killelea, Richard Pylak, Suzanne Post

SVC Staff: Paul Holton, Shelley Jones, Susanne Andres, Tracy Wiggins, Catherine Cusack

Councillor: Cate Cross

Apologies: Sue Cross

Business:

Future Direction of TDCT Advisory Committee – Options Available

Responses to Questions from the Committee as per the agenda previously circulated.

1. There was some discussion concerning the TDCT Committee not being notified in writing that there was a possibility or that the committee was going to be dissolved before the November 2020 Council Meeting passed the dissolution recommendations. Paul Holton apologized for the miscommunication.

2. It was stated that the TDCT Advisory Committee did not have a “health check” carried out as it was not felt necessary at that point in time as the committee operated with appropriate managerial oversight.

2a. Suzanne Post tabled a document dated 28 July 2016, from Alan Tonkin, who was (at that time) the Director of Corporate Services and Governance with Snowy Valleys Council which explained the auspice arrangements of TDCT by Snowy Valleys Council at that point in time.

Executive Director Community and Corporate confirmed that the organisation had evolved since that particular letter had been issued and the contents had

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been superseded through the adoption of the Committees of Council framework.

3. Executive Director Community and Corporate suggested that it was important to consider how this committee could move forward. Remaining a Section 355 committee is not an option.

Anita Killelea asked what would an Auxiliary Committee look like? It was stated that it would be separate to Council and would have its own charter and independent governance model. An agreement would need to be prepared that detailed how an independent group interacted with the SVC service.

Executive Director Community and Corporate explained that SVC is responsible for the delivery of the service and that this has evolved since 2016 (the amalgamation of Tumut and Tumbarumba Shire Councils). Paid staff are employees of Council and, if the funding ran out, they would still be employees of Council. Council is responsible for ensuring the service is run in accordance with the terms and conditions between SVC and Transport for NSW and is responsive to community need and the ability to pay.

Given the above, it is possible that the committee's function and purpose is to be a conduit between the community and the service and could provide advice to Council – this would require further consideration by the committee.

Executive Director Community and Corporate reminded the committee that they had until 30 June 2021 to decide how they could operate into the future and suggested they meet shortly to workshop possibilities. They need to come up with possible models which will value add to the service.

It was agreed that the committee would meet again in the near future to consider what the purpose, function and objectives of the committee could be going forward.

Manager Community Services and Acting Coordinator Community Transport are to develop possible governance models for the committee to consider at their next committee meeting. Depending on the type of model chosen, the Manager Community Services and Acting Coordinator Community Transport would assist the Committee during the transition phase.

There was some discussion about the finances of TDCT. Executive Director Community and Corporate advised that \$291,226 was held in reserve for TDCT for the purpose of vehicle replacement.

There was also some discussion about the money which had been donated by the fundraising committee. Manager Community Services and Acting Coordinator Community Transport will investigate and report back.

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4. Alternatives to Dissolution - Covered above.

5. Margaret Davies stated that the processes for dissolution agenda item could wait until the committee considered possible models for future operation and that the committee would meet informally to consider options.

6. Executive Director Community and Corporate advised that at this stage there was no consideration of combining the physical delivery of the two services at Tumbarumba and Tumut. If it was, an option for the future would be discussed.

The Manager Community Services confirmed that the current agreement with TfNSW allowed for the sharing of fleet and resources to ensure continuity of service and the best utilisation of the assets.

Suzanne Post raised the issue that TDCT was listed on the Transport for NSW site listing community transport services in NSW under 'S' for SVC. Acting Coordinator Community Transport will organize with the Comms Team to ensure local people looking at using the service know how to get in contact.

Margaret Davies thanked those present for their participation and closed the meeting at 10.15am.

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CRJO Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, 26 March 2021

10:00 – 13:30pm

Zoom Videoconference

Meeting ID 910 5131 6457

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MEMBERS	
Bega Valley Shire Council	Mayor Cr Russell Fitzpatrick Ms Leanne Barnes OAM
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Mayor Liz Innes Mr Lindsay Usher
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Mayor Bob Kirk Mr Warwick Bennett
Hilltops Council	Mayor Brian Ingram Mr Anthony O'Reilly
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Mayor Tim Overall Mr Peter Tegart
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Mayor Peter Beer Mr Peter Bascomb
Snowy Valleys Council	Mayor James Hayes OAM – Deputy Chairperson Mr Matthew Hyde
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Mayor John Stafford Ms Colleen Worthy
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Mr Les McMahon – (A/ General Manager)
Yass Valley Council	Mayor Rowena Abbey – Chairperson Mr Chris Berry
ACT Government	MS Wilhelmina Blount
East Gippsland Shire Council	Mayor Mende Urie Mr Anthony Basford
Wagga Wagga City Council	Mayor Greg Conkey OAM Mr Peter Thompson
Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Ms Kalina Koloff Ms Natasa Sojic
GUESTS	
Resilience NSW	Mr David Butt
Office of Local Government	Ms Alison Murphy
NSW Government – Regional NSW	Ms Megan Cleary
NSW Cross Border Commissioner and Regional Town Water Supply Coordinator	Mr James McTavish
NSW Public Service Commission	Ms Anat Hassner
Dept Planning Industry and Environment	Ms Anthea Sargeant

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1. Opening Meeting

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:04am.

2. Apologies

The Board resolved that the apologies of Cr Mende Urie (East Gippsland Shire Council), Mr Anthony Basford (East Gippsland Shire Council), Cr John Stafford (Upper Lachlan Shire Council) and Matthew Hyde (Snowy Valleys Council), David Butt (Resilience NSW) be accepted.

Tim Overall / Peter Beer

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1. Public Service Commission – Regional Workforce (10:30am)

Reporting officer: Anat Hassner, Assistant Commissioner, Regional Workforces, Public Service Commission

Attachment: Approach to Achieving Regionalisation Principles (PowerPoint)

REPORT

In February 2021 Anat joined the Public Service Commission as Assistant Commissioner, Regional Workforce. The role is a 6 months secondment to drive the new regionalisation strategy announced by the Deputy Premier on the 3rd of February, 2021. Anat has held senior roles in Woolworths and Lend Lease and ran a private consulting business for 7 years, where she led strategic reforms in private and public organisations. Anat has a PhD in change and project management, a Masters in Organisational Psychology and has lectured for 5 years at the University of Sydney.

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. Note the verbal report by Anat Hassner
2. Kalina Koloff to resend the presentation from Regional Cities re: Shift portal email to Ms Hassner

Liz Innes / Peter Beer

Carried

Peter Tegart left the meeting at 11:00am

3.2. DPIE – Special Activation Precincts (11:00am)

Reporting officer: Anthea Sargeant, Executive Director DPIE

REPORT

Anthea Sargeant is the Department of Planning and Environment Executive Director - Key Sites and Industry Assessments for the Department of Planning and Environment responsible for overseeing State Significant development assessments for key projects in NSW including Special Activation

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Precincts.

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

Note the report by DPIE Special Activation Precincts

Russell Fitzpatrick / Tim Overall

Carried

4. Urgent Business

The Chairperson will call for any Additional Business pursuant to Clause 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice. Any additional business to be discussed requires a Board resolution or a ruling by the Chairperson that the matter is of great urgency.

The CRJO Board may resolve to accept any late item, information, or urgent business to be discussed and/or determined at this meeting.

4.1. IPART Review – Local Government Rate Peg

Reporting Officer: Peter Tegart

4.2. Minister for Planning – Media Release regarding upcoming \$400m boost for infrastructure for NSW Councils

Reporting Officer: Warwick Bennett

RESOLVED

1. *That the board receive a paper via GMAG on the Rate Peg Review regarding:
a) operation and limitations of the bill in relation to the chamber as the rate meeting and,
b) infrastructure of the waste levy.*
2. *Seek a report on how CRJO councils influenced populations and planning by DPIE as they are currently focusing on land indicators and not lead*

Tim Overall / Bob Kirk

Carried

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Attachment: CRJO Board Meeting Minutes 11 December 2020

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board meeting minutes from 11 December 2020 be confirmed.

James Hayes OAM / Tim Overall

Carried

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6. Reports to CRJO Board

6.1. A new CRJO Strategic Plan

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

Attachment: A new Statement of Strategic Priorities for the CRJO (PowerPoint)

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *Note the updated DRAFT CRJO Strategic Plan*
2. *Provide input and propose any revisions before finalisation of the plan and endorsement by new CRJO Board in September 2021*

Russell Fitzpatrick / James Hayes

Carried

6.2. Southern Lights NSW – Project Update

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *Note the progress of the Southern Lights NSW Project*
2. *Endorse the decision of the CRJO General Managers to withdraw from the Southern Lights Project at June 30, 2021 at the conclusion of Phase 1 of the project.*

Russell Fitzpatrick / Bob Kirk

Carried

6.3. EPA Bushfire Generated Green Waste Data Collection Initiative

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the progress of the Bushfire Generated Green Waste – Data Collection Initiative.

Russel Fitzpatrick / Bob Kirk

Carried

6.4. A Regional Community Strategic Plan

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

Attachment: Projectura Proposal

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RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the outcome of the procurement and the appointment of Projectura to develop a Regional Community Strategic plan.

Russell Fitzpatrick / Tim Overall

Carried

6.5. The Climate Resilient Housing Toolkit

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board note the progress of the Climate Resilient Housing Toolkit project.

Russell Fitzpatrick / Bob Kirk

Carried

6.6. Incoming Councillors Induction – Proposal from the Australian Institute of Company Directors

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

Attachments: AICD CRJO Proposal

The CRJO Board instructs the CEO to follow up with AICD to investigate if previous attendance at AICD training will be recognised as prior learning on new course frameworks. The CEO is to make provision in the 2021/22 CRJO budget for the 1 Day AICD Board training on an opt-in basis for Councils.

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *Note the AICD proposal*
2. *Endorse the decision of the CRJO General Managers to:*
 - 2.1. *Organise AICD Training for new CRJO Board*
 - 2.2. *Invite Councils to take up 2 day AICD courses in pairs*

Liz Innes / Les McMahon

Carried

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6.7. Outcome of the 2019/2020 Audit

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

Attachments:

- 6.7.1 Independent Auditors Report
- 6.7.2 Report on the Conduct of the Audit

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. Note the outcomes of the 2019/2020 Audit

Bob Kirk / Tim Overall

Carried

6.8. CRJO Operational Report

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff

Attachments

- 6.8.1 JO Forum – Representation on Working with Jos
- 6.8.2 CRJO Representation on Emergency Services Levy
- 6.8.3 Response from Minister Hancock on Emergency Services Levy
- 6.8.4 CRJO Submission – Fairer Rating Review
- 6.8.5 CRJO Submission – Inland Rail Inquiry
- 6.8.6 CRJO Submission - NSW Property Tax
- 6.8.7 CRJO Submission – NSW Agricultural land Use

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board

1. Receive the CRJO Operational Report
2. Note the correspondence with the Minister for Local Governments in relation to representations on the Emergency Services Levy and:
 - 2.1. Advise the Minister of Local Government that her letter does not reflect the current situation of most regional and rural Councils Emergency Services Levy increases either surpasses the quantity of the 2020/21 rate cap or consume the majority of the rate cap increase,
 - 2.2. Seek an immediate review her decision
 - 2.3. Recommend member Councils only pay the Emergency Service Levy in 2021/22 the amount equivalent to that paid in 2020/21 plus the approved rate cap increase
 - 2.4. Share the CRJO board resolution with other the Joint Organisations, Country Mayors, Regional Organisations of Councils, Local Government NSW and local members.
 - 2.5. Advocate for a separate line item to be included in the Annual Rates Notice to reflect the costs associated with the Emergency Services Levy.

Bob Kirk / Liz Innes

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Carried

6.9. CRJO Financial Report

Reporting officer: Kalina Koloff and Jennifer Lang

Attachments:

- 6.9.1 Balance Sheet
- 6.9.2 Profit and Loss
- 6.9.3 Profit and Loss – Climate Toolkit
- 6.9.4 Profit and Loss – Contaminated Lands
- 6.9.5 Profit and Loss CRC Education
- 6.9.6 Profit and Loss – CRJO Operations
- 6.9.7 Profit and Loss – EPA Green Waste Project
- 6.9.8 Profit and Loss – Household Chemicals
- 6.9.9 Profit and Loss – Regional Coordination

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board receive the CRJO Finance Report and note the financial position of the Organisation as at 28 February 2021.

James Hayes / Tim Overall

Carried

Cr Russell Fitzpatrick left the meeting at 12:24pm.

7. Network Updates

7.1. ACT Government

Reporting Officers: Wilhelmina Blount

The ACT Government reported that:

- It is supportive of the CRJO to seek opportunities for the Climate Change office of ACT to work with the CRJO regarding the Climate Resilient Housing toolkit.
- Notes the continued illegal dumping impacts from ACT infrastructure projects on surrounding Councils and sees opportunities to work more closely with the CRJO members on strategies and programs.

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *Note the report by Wilhelmina Blount, ACT Government*

James Hayes/ Bob Kirk

Carried

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7.2. Resilience NSW

Reporting Officer: David Butt / Kalina Koloff

That the report by Kalina Koloff on behalf of David Butt, Resilience NSW, be noted

James Hayes/ Bob Kirk

Carried

7.3. Regional NSW

Reporting Officer: Megan Cleary

Regional NSW reported on the updated 20-Year Economic Vision for NSW. A copy of the strategy can be found at: https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-02/20%20Year%20Vision%20for%20NSW_0.pdf

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *That the verbal report by Regional NSW be noted*

Peter Beer / Tim Overall

Carried

7.4. Office of the Cross Border Commissioner

Reporting Officers: James McTavish/Emma Watts

The Cross Border Commissioner reported that:

- The Cross Border MOU between NSW and Victoria is close to final and will be circulated for comment within the next couple of weeks
- Emma Watts (Assistant Cross Border Commissioner) to engage with Kalina Koloff (CRJO CEO) to investigate opportunities in waste management and renewables
- That NSW is currently reviewing Procurement Guidelines with opportunities to share supplier lists to create additional regional efficiencies

On behalf of CRJO Members, Leanne Barnes acknowledged the outstanding work of the Office of the Cross Border Commissioner during the difficult Christmas border closures and thanked the team for their efforts.

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *Note the verbal report by Office of the Cross Border Commissioner*

James Hayes / Tim Overall

Carried

Brian Ingram left the meeting at 12:42pm.

Wilhelmina Blount left the meeting at 12:53pm.

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7.5. Office of Local Government

Reporting Officers: Alison Murphy

OLG reported that:

- Minister is writing to JOs on appointment of consultant and timing of upcoming JO review.
- Consultation discussion paper on remote meetings is open and submissions are invited until 3rd May
- Noted that information on OLG support for upcoming council election is on website and available
- Confirmed that iVote will be made available for council elections administered by the NSW Electoral Commissioner from September 2021. iVote will operate at council elections in the same way it operates for State elections and will have the same eligibility criteria with some minor and temporary modifications in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information available from the electoral commission or at: <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/About-us/Policy-library/Technology-Assisted-Voting-Approved-procedures-for>

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board:

1. *Note the report from Office of Local Government*

Bob Kirk / James Hayes

Carried

8 Confidential Matters

The CRJO Board must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 Local Government Act 1993.

9 Close

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1:08pm.

Next meeting will be 11th June .



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Ref: A760673

Ms Kalina Koloff
Chief Executive Officer
Canberra Region Joint Organisation
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Queanbeyan NSW 2620

By email: kalina.koloff@crjo.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Koloff

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 February 2021 regarding Emergency Services Levy (ESL) increases for councils.

As noted in your letter, there have been increases to the ESL in recent years, primarily to pay for new workers' compensation arrangements for firefighters. The Government has recognised, however, that councils simply cannot afford these increased costs in the wake of COVID-19, the 2019-20 bushfires and the current economic environment.

Given this, the Government provided councils with grants to cover the total increase to these costs in 2020-21. The total cost of these grants was \$32.76 million across NSW, with individual councils saving between \$2,374 and \$1,176,495. These funds enabled councils to direct more funding into frontline COVID-19 response efforts and core community services. This came on top of \$13.6 million in grants councils previously received to cover the portion of increases to the ESL for 2019-20 that was the result of changes to workers' compensation laws for firefighters.

This funding provided councils with breathing space to adjust their budgets and prepare to meet these ongoing costs.

Our emergency services have long been funded through a cost sharing arrangement between insurers, councils and the Government. It's important that this continues to ensure we look after the health and wellbeing of our frontline emergency services workers and volunteers.

Acknowledging the ongoing ESL cost pressures to councils, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has adjusted how it calculates the annual rate peg, by factoring the forecast ESL costs to councils when setting the annual rate peg.

Please be assured that the Government will continue to examine options to better manage the impact of ESL on local councils.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Hancock'.

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

16 MAR 2021

CC: The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer
The Hon. David Elliot MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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