

# **WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Warrumbungle Shire Council to be held at the Jubilee Hall, Dunedoo on Monday, 10 March 2014 commencing at 9.30am**

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that following the Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 10 March 2014 **at the Jubilee Hall, Dunedoo commencing at 9.30am** the following **ITEMS** will be considered.

## **Matters to be dealt with**

**Item 1S      Cobbora Coal - Voluntary Planning Agreement**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## **Item 1S      Cobbora Coal - Voluntary Planning Agreement**

An extraordinary meeting has been called prior to the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) on Monday 10 March so that Council is briefed on relevant matters relating to the Cobbora Holdings Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) and the Department Planning and Infrastructure's (DP&I) Assessment Report and Recommended Conditions of Approval for the Cobbora Coal Mine.

The meeting will include a briefing by Mr Warwick Giblin (Council's VPA consultant) on the content of the written document prepared on behalf of Council, including the proposed Public Benefit Projects.

As part of this, Mr Giblin will seek in principle the support of Council that the infrastructure contributions (featured in pg.45 - Appendix 4, Condition 16 of the Recommended Conditions of Approval) relating to water supply and sewer upgrade contributions for WSC are acceptable.

The following is an outline of the meeting agenda:

1. A briefing on activities since the Resolution in September 13. For instance:
  - Meetings with DPI 22 October and 15 November;
  - Letter to Sam Haddad in January;
  - Draft consent conditions issued by DP&I and WSC response;
  - CHC letter reiterating no change to annual contributions offer;
  - DP&I Assessment Report & recommended consent conditions passed to PAC for project determination;
  - Preparation of a detailed statement for PAC Monday & Tuesday;
  - Cobbora Transition Fund status: \$110 Mil bid total. What chance does WSC have at securing funds?
2. Seek in principle the support of Council that the infrastructure upgrade offer is now acceptable.
3. Seek in principle the support of Council that we maintain our current stance regarding the annual financial contributions being sought for Public benefit projects. We've now developed general project categories for funding as DP&I is suggesting on other coal projects.
4. Points to be highlighted:
  - CHC have not changed their offer.
  - We have at least 6 months to negotiate a better outcome; probably longer.
  - Our case to the PAC on Monday may deliver some dividends.