

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
THE JUBILEE HALL, DUNEDOO ON MONDAY, 10 MARCH 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.40AM
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PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Chairman), Cr R Sullivan, Cr C Sullivan, Cr M Coe, Cr A Capel, Cr F Clancy, Cr G Andrews, Cr D Todd, General Manager (Steve Loane), Director Corporate Services (Rebecca Ryan), Director Technical Services (Kevin Tighe) and Acting Director Environmental and Community Services (Fiona Luckhurst)

In attendance: Town Planner (Alia Slamet), Manager Regulatory Services (Michael Marks), OzEnvironmental Pty Ltd Director (Warwick Giblin)

APOLOGIES: Cr V Schmidt

273/1314 RESOLVED that the apologies of Cr V Schmidt be accepted.

**C Sullivan / R Sullivan
The motion was carried**

274/1314 RESOLVED that Warrumbungle Shire Council maintain its September 2013 resolution to reject the VPA in its current form as regards the annual financial contribution quantum.

With regards the infrastructure upgrade contribution component, Council accepts the upgrades as stated on page 45 of Appendix 4 in the proposed Conditions however it seeks discussions to include funds to upgrade Cobbora Road between Cobbora and Mendooran.

Council also resolves to request the PAC amend Condition 16 in Schedule 2 and Appendix 4 regarding the VPA such that:

- a) A Socio Economic Study is completed first to determine the scope and magnitude of the impacts currently being caused to local businesses and the community by CHC buying up 45,800 ha of land and the displaced farmers and their families moving away from the district, and for this data to help frame the quantum offered;
- b) An independent arbitrator be appointed to facilitate a fair and reasonable VPA outcome;
- c) Any project approval is deferred until the VPA has been settled; and
- d) The start date for the VPA is the date of project approval.

Council objects to the worker domicile methodology (as found in Appendix 4, Page 41 of the proposed Conditions) used to calculate the Public Project component of the VPA, which is dependent on in which LGA employees reside. Council requests that as per other VPAs the calculation be based upon a cents per tonne of approved resource.

Council also resolves to request the PAC amend the Conditions regarding the ILMP, Bushfire Management Plan and Dunedoo through traffic, as per Council's earlier response to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure on the draft conditions.

Council also notes with concern that some 8,800 ha of land earmarked for biodiversity offsets may be lost to the shire's rating base, without compensation.

**Cr Todd / Cr R Sullivan
The motion was carried.**

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 11 am.

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CHAIRMAN