

Attachment 1

External Organisational and Regional Committees

1. Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

This noxious weeds County Council was formed in 1949 and membership includes Walgett and Coonamble, Warren, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire councils. The operation of County Councils are legislated by the NSW Local Government Act (1993) Pt 5 and NSW Local Government Regulations (2005). Meetings are held every second month, on a rotational basis so that a meeting is held within each Council area. The budget allocation for the annual member contribution is the responsibility of the Director Environment and Development Services.

The Chairperson is elected from the council body.

Note: Cr Shinton and Cr Lewis were formerly the Council representatives to this committee

Propose: Two (2) Councillor representatives are required.

2. Castlereagh (changed from Warrumbungle) Bushfire Management Committee (BFMC)

This committee is required by legislation and is formed under the Rural Fires Act 1997 Sections 50 and 51 and is responsible for preparing, coordinating, reviewing and monitoring the Plans of Operation and Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for the area. The group assists in the coordination of bush fire detection, mitigation, control and suppression and is made up of all stakeholders in Bushfire management including Shire, National Parks, State Forests and landholders.

The Rural Fire Service conducts and coordinates the Bushfire Management Committee (BFMC) meetings twice yearly with the Mayor as chairperson. Meetings are held at Coonabarabran Rural Fire Service Centre.

The Chairperson has normally been appointed to this committee and chaired it

Note Cr Shinton formerly attended these meetings

Propose: That the Mayor and General Manager (or his delegate) be appointed.

3. Castlereagh Zone Liaison Committee

Involving Warrumbungle and Gilgandra Shire councils this committee was established to monitor and review the Rural Fire Service budget and fire cover operations of the Castlereagh Zone. Meetings are held twice a year and coincide with the BFMC meeting. This committee is required by legislation and is formed under the Rural Fires Act 1997. Chaired by RFS representative.

Note: Cr Shinton formerly attended these meetings

Propose: That the Mayor and General Manager (or his delegate) be appointed.

4. Local Emergency Management Committee

The Local Emergency Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of plans in relation to the prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies in the Warrumbungle Shire Council area.

Council provides the secretariat and meeting support, with the Director Technical Services attending in the delegated role of Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO).

Members include Police, NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Ambulance, NSW Rural Fire Service, Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA), State Emergency Service (SES), Western Area Health, DEECWR (formerly National Parks, NSW Industry and Investment (formerly NSW Department of Agriculture), LHPA and Essential Energy. This committee is required by legislation and is formed under the Emergency Management Act 2005 Section 38.

The LEMC meet on the 3rd Monday in February, May, August and November alternating between Coolah and Coonabarabran. The LEMO is the Council representative, being the Director Technical Services.

Chaired by Director Technical Services.

Propose: No Action

5. North West Weight of Loads Group

A collaborative committee of a group of councils in the northwest region, administered through Moree Plains Shire Council to carry out random weight checks of loaded vehicles on Council roads. The aim is to minimise subsequent damage to local roads from overloading.

The councils involved in the Group are: Moree Plains Shire Council, Warrumbungle Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Gunnedah Shire Council, Glen Innes Severn Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council and Dubbo Regional Council.

Moree Plains Shire Council is the administrative council for this committee. There are three (3) meetings held each year in various locations.

Council is represented by one (1) councillor and supported by the Director Technical Services. The Chairperson is elected from the delegates representing each council.

Note: Cr Todd was previously the representative on this Group

Propose: That one (1) Councillor representative be appointed.

6. Central Ranges Natural Gas and Telecommunications Association

This is a regional committee established in late 1990's involving; Mid Western, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Gilgandra, Liverpool Plains and Warrumbungle Shire councils. The original purpose was to progress the concept of a natural gas pipeline into the region to service local towns and industry. Whilst a pipeline does traverse through the shire from Dubbo to Tamworth, the planned spurs into several communities including Coonabarabran, Coolah and Dunedoo to service industry and residents has not eventuated. This remains a watching brief in case an opportunity arises.

The committee secretariat and financial auspice is provided by Gunnedah Shire Council, and coordinated locally by Manager Economic Development and Tourism.

Office bearers are elected at the annual general meeting held November / December each year.

The Mayor and General Manager previously represented Council.

Note: Last meeting was held in December 2013 and association ceased in June 2019.

Propose: Deleting representation here

7. Warrumbungle Shire Liquor Accord

The role of Warrumbungle Liquor Accord is to help reduce the harms associated with the misuse of alcohol. These harms include alcohol related violence and crime, behaviour that annoys and upsets other people, a decline in the safety and the perception of safety of the local area, under-age drinking and non-compliance with liquor licensing legislation. This committee is not required under legislation however is a voluntary industry based partnership working in local communities to introduce practical solutions to liquor related

Meetings are held quarterly or on an as needs basis, in Coonabarabran. The executive committee members are elected by members at the annual general meeting.

One (1) Councillor representative is required.

Note: Committee is inactive at present with no meetings attended by Council in the past few years.

Propose: Deleting representation here.

8. Newell Highway Task Force

The Taskforce consists of a group of NSW Councils and other interested organisations, RMS, NSW Police, NRMA and others with an interest in improving road safety and freight access along the Newell Highway. The primary objective to lobby for improved traffic and safety conditions along this important travel route and to achieve through Government action the development and upgrade of the Newell Highway to cater for increasing traffic volumes and to facilitate economic, social and environmental outcomes.

Committee meetings are held quarterly and are usually hosted by one of its member Councils in towns along the Newell. One (1) Councillor representative attends these meeting with the Director Technical Services.

The Chairperson is elected by the Task Force delegates.

Note: Cr Todd was formerly the representative to the Task Force

Propose: That one (1) Councillor representative be appointed.

9. Central West Environment & Waterways Alliance

The committee is a collaboration of local government representatives from councils within the Central West Catchment area that meets bi-monthly to discuss means of improving environmental outcomes through joint programs.

The Director Environment and Development Services represents Council.

Propose: No Action

10. Mining Related and Energy Related Councils

The Mining Related and Energy Related Councils represents Local Government in all aspects of mining, including extractive industries, gas exploration, quarries and minerals, as well as their local communities throughout NSW.

The Association's mission is to advocate on behalf of members and their communities on mining related issues and to ensure that mining activity is conducted in accordance with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development.

Their role is to:

- Develop policies and legislative changes in conjunction with the government and the industry
- An advocacy on a vast array of issues to ensure effective environmental protection.
- Management and rehabilitation, economic development and harmony
- A fair and equitable return to the community from any mining activity.

The Council is made up of 20 Local Government Areas across New South Wales. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis at venues throughout the region.

The executive committee members are elected by members at the annual general meeting.

Note: Cr Shinton was formerly the representative to this Group and Chair

Propose: That one Councillor representative be appointed.

11. Liverpool Range Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee

An advisory committee established by Epuron, proponents of a 550 turbine wind farm in the Coolah/Cassilis area. The purpose is to ensure local community consultation is appropriately directed concerning the project. The meeting schedule and location of meetings will be determined by Epuron. The terms of reference for this committee does not require Councillor representation.

The Committee will be chaired by an Independent Chair

The Director Environment and Development Services represents Council.

Propose: No Action

12. Traffic Advisory Committee

Under the Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 1999, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is legislated as the organisation responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in New South Wales. In order to deal with the large number and range of traffic related matters effectively, TfNSW has delegated certain aspects of the control of traffic on local roads to Councils. TfNSW has retained both the control of traffic on the State's classified road network and the control of traffic signals on all roads.

TfNSW delegation to councils limits the types of prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities that Council can authorise and imposes certain conditions on councils. One of these conditions requires councils to obtain the advice of TfNSW and the Police prior to

proceeding with any proposal. This is most commonly achieved by councils establishing a local traffic committee.

The committee is composed of four formal members each with one vote. These four members are a representative from Council, the Police, and TfNSW and the Local State Member of Parliament or their nominee. The Committee is supported by the Director Technical Services, and Manager Projects.

The Traffic Advisory Committee has no decision-making powers and is primarily a technical review committee. It advises the Council on matters for which the Council has delegated authority, being certain prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities.

Council must refer all traffic related matters to the Traffic Advisory Committee prior to exercising its delegated functions. Matters related to State Roads or functions that have not been delegated to the elected Council must be referred directly to TfNSW or relevant organisation. Such matters must not be referred to the Traffic Advisory Committee. Council is not bound by the advice given by its Traffic Advisory Committee. However if Council does wish to act contrary to the unanimous advice of the Traffic Advisory Committee or when the advice is not unanimous, it must notify Transport for NSW and NSW Police and wait 14 days before proceeding. An appeal may be lodged by TfNSW or NSW Police members of the Traffic Advisory Committee when Council wishes to take action either contrary to the unanimous advice of the Traffic Advisory Committee or when the advice is not unanimous.

This appeal is referred to a Regional Traffic Committee (RTC) which operates across the state with meetings generally held in the offices of the local Council. The decision of the RTC is binding on all parties.

Meetings are held on a monthly basis in Coonabarabran with meetings in Coolah or Dunedoo as required. These meetings are closed to the public.

The Councillor representative is the Chairperson

Note: Cr Shinton was formerly the Council representative to this committee

Propose: That one (1) Councillor representative be appointed.

13. Valley of the Winds Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The role of the CCC will be to support community engagement and interaction in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the development of wind energy generation including up to 175 wind turbines, grid connection and ancillary infrastructure in the Coolah and Leadville project area, within the Warrumbungle Shire Local Government Area.

The CCC is being established in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment Community Consultative Committee Guidelines. The CCC will comprise eight members – five community members, two representatives Warrumbungle shire Council and a representative of the Valley of the Winds project team. The CCC will meet approximately four (4) times per year.

The Committee will be chaired by an Independent Chair. Council is represented by one (1) councillor and supported by the Director Environment and Development Services.

Note: Cr Shinton was formerly the Council representative to this committee

Propose: That one (1) Councillor representative be appointed.

14. Barneys Reef Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The CCC aims to provide an avenue for discussion between Renewable Energy System (RES - the proponent) and representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and local councils on issues directly relating to the project. The proposed Barneys Reef Wind Farm is located approximately 15km north of Gulgong, in the Mid-Western LGA. The town of Dunedoo is located approximately 18km to the north of the site.

Barneys Reef Wind Farm will have a capacity of approximately 340MW and potentially include up to 65 wind turbines. The proposed site extends over thirteen (13) properties where RES has recently formed agreements with the host landholders.

153/2122 (18 November 2021) RESOLVED that:

Council nominates two representatives for the Barneys Reef Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee, with representatives being one (1) Councillor and Council's Director Environment and Development Services.

Note: This is a new committee and Council has not formerly been represented

Propose: That one (1) Councillor representative be appointed