

Minutes of the  
Hunter Councils Incorporated Board Meeting  
Incorporating Joint Organisation Briefing

27 April 2017

Board Room, 4 Sandringham Avenue, Thornton

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**Directors Present**

Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council  
Cr Harold Johnston, Dungog Shire Council  
Cr Kay Fraser, Lake Macquarie City Council  
Cr Peter Blackmore, Maitland City Council  
Cr Martin Rush, Muswellbrook Shire Council  
Cr Sue Moore, Singleton Shire Council  
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, City of Newcastle

**General Managers Present**

Stephen Glen General Manager, Cessnock City Council  
Craig Deasey, General Manager, Dungog Shire Council  
Brian Bell General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council  
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council  
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council  
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council  
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council  
Waid Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

**Apologies**

John Turner, Administrator, Mid Coast Council  
Cr Bruce MacKenzie Mayor, Port Stephens Council  
Cr Wayne Bedggood, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Glenn Handford, Interim General Manager, Mid Coast Council  
Peter Chrystal, Interim CEO, City of Newcastle

### **Staff in attendance**

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

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### ***RECOMMENDATION:***

**THAT the apologies be accepted.**

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**Moved: Cr Peter Blackmore**  
**Seconded: Cr Kay Fraser**

***Carried.***

## **2. MINUTES OF THE 9 February 2017 MEETING**

### **2.1 Adopting of the Minutes of the previous meeting**

### ***RECOMMENDATION:***

**THAT the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.**

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**Moved: Cr Katy Fraser**  
**Seconded: Cr Peter Blackmore**

***Carried.***

Note that Cr Rush identified a misattribution of Council name in the attendee listing.

## **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil advised

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **KPMG: City Deal Update**

A presentation was provided by Paul Low, Christiana Gailey and Said Hirsh of KPMG in regard to timeframes, content and likely future directions of City Deals.

### **State Agencies and Corporations Update: NSW Planning and Environment, Hunter Development Corporation and Roads and Maritime Services:**

NSW Planning and Environment was represented by Brendan Nelson, Deputy Secretary - Growth, Design & Programs, Professor Greg Clark, Consultant, Gary White, Chief Planner and Monica Gibson, Regional Director, Hunter. Planning and Environment provided information on the context of Metropolitan Planning, the place of City Deals and trends in City planning. Anna Zicki provided an overview of recent trends in transport infrastructure planning and its place in regional visioning.

## **Regional Waste Visioning Workshop**

A brief workshop was held in regard to key future themes in waste management in the region.

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS**

1. Further information is to be sought in regard to governance structures and the positioning of a Hunter City Deal in light of the formulation of the Metropolitan Plan
2. **Resolution:**

**That the Joint Organisation:**

1. **Engage KPMG to facilitate a City Deal. Recognising the work already completed by the Cities of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie the CEO prepares a brief in consultation with Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Council for KPMG to facilitate the development of a Newcastle/Hunter City Deal.**
2. **A workshop be held within four weeks to inform the region's Mayors and General Managers on the progress of a Hunter City Deal.**

**Moved: Cr Nuatali Nelmes**  
**Seconded: Cr Martin Rush**

*Carried.*

### **6. REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Non-commercial business unit reports**

##### **6.1.1 Environment Division**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. **The update report be received and noted**
2. **The Board request Hunter Councils Environment Division to work with member councils in the development of a regional response to the “energy from waste” technology inquiry**
3. **The draft regional submission be provided to the General Managers Advisory Committee (out of session) for approval prior to submission on 26 May 2017**

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**Moved: Cr Kay Fraser**  
**Seconded: Cr Peter Blackmore**

*Carried.*

**6.1.1 Screen Hunter**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the update report be received and noted.**

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**Moved: Cr Kay Fraser  
Seconded: Cr Peter Blackmore**

***Carried.***

**6.2 Regional Waste Visioning Strategy Workshop**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the report be received and noted.**

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**Moved: Cr Kay Fraser  
Seconded: Cr Peter Blackmore**

***Carried.***

**7.1 General Business**

There was no General Business

**Meeting closed.**