



**Minutes of Special Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 21 April 2021**

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*Held in the Simeon Lord Room  
Library / Museum Building  
Redbank Street, Esk*

**Present in person**

Cr Graeme Lehmann	(Mayor)
Cr Helen Brieschke	(Deputy Mayor)
Cr Kylee Isidro	(Councillor)
Mr A Johnson	(Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs S Pitkin	(Minute Secretary / Executive Assistant)
Mr I Hoban	(SRC ITC)

**Present via TEAMS and mobile**

Cr Sean Choat (TEAMS)	(Councillor)
Cr Cheryl Gaedtke (Mobile)	(Councillor)
Cr Jason Wendt (TEAMS)	(Councillor)
Cr Bob Whalley (TEAMS)	(Councillor)

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**Opening of Meeting**

The Mayor, Cr Graeme Lehmann, opened the meeting at 9.02 am.

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

**Notification of Attendance by Councillors via teleconference (TEAMS)**

Clause 28.1 of the Somerset Regional Council Standing Orders authorised on 24 February 2021 states:

- 28.1 If a Councillor wishes to be absent from a council meeting place during a meeting, the Councillor must apply to the chairperson to participate by teleconference, at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting or as soon as practicable once the Councillor becomes aware of their intended absence. The chairperson may allow a Councillor to participate in a council or committee meeting by teleconference.

Cr Whalley, Cr Choat, Cr Wendt and Cr Gaedtke have sought to attend this Special Council Meeting (9 am Wednesday 10 March 2021) via teleconference (TEAMS).

Mayor Lehmann confirmed that he will allow Cr Whalley, Cr Choat, Cr Wendt and Cr Gaedtke to attend today's Special Meeting via Teleconference (TEAMS) and comment and vote accordingly.

**Declarable Conflict of Interest**

No declarations of conflict of interest in the following agenda items were notified at this time.

**Closed Session**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Lockyer Valley and Somerset Water Collaborative - Appointment of Chair and Establishing a Local Water Management Entity</b>
<b>File Ref:</b>	<b>Community Relations – Liaison - Lockyer Valley and Somerset Water Collaborative - Previously Lockyer Valley Water Users Group</b>
<b>Action Officer:</b>	<b>CEO</b>

In accordance with Section 254J (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council may close a Council meeting. Further, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters -

- (3) (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

On this occasion Council may choose to close the meeting to consider this matter for the reason mentioned in S254J (3)(g).

**Resolution:** Moved - Cr Isidro Seconded - Cr Brieschke

"THAT in accordance with Section 254J(1)(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation* 2012, this Special Council Meeting moved into a closed session at 9.05 am to discuss the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Water Collaborative - Appointment of Chair and Establishing a Local Water Management Entity."

Carried

*Vote - Unanimous*

**Resolution:** Moved - Cr Brieschke Seconded - Cr Isidro

"THAT Council move out of the closed session at 9.11 am to vote on this matter, and that the meeting be once again open to the public."

Carried

*Vote - Unanimous*

**Resolution:** Moved - Cr Lehmann Seconded - Cr Brieschke

"1. THAT Council endorse the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Water Collaborative recommendation to appoint Graham Quirk as the Chair of the Water Collaborative until 30 June 2022.

2. THAT Council extend its thanks and appreciation to Stephen Robertson for his work in his role as Chair of the Collaborative, noting the enormous progress made by the Collaborative during the three years in which he was Chair."

Carried

*Vote - Unanimous*

### Closure of Meeting

**Summary** There being no further business, the Mayor, Cr Graeme Lehmann closed the meeting at 9.13 am.