



LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

15 MAY 2018

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 15 May 2018 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
14 May 2018

Next Meeting Date: 29.05.18

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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11.8 INVITATION FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND - TRADE AND INVESTMENT MISSION

File No:	8308
Attachments:	1. Invitation Letter from the Premier of Queensland, The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP MP
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
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SUMMARY

This report seeks approval for Mayor Strelow to attend a Trade and Investment Mission to be hosted in the United States of America with the Premier of Queensland, the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP in June 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves Mayor Strelow's participation in the Premier of Queensland's Trade and Investment Mission to the United States of America in June 2018.

COMMENTARY

A Trade and Investment Mission to the United States of America in June 2018 is being organised by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The Premier of Queensland will lead a delegation from Queensland and has asked the Mayor to join the group and attend meetings with stakeholders and participate in the 2018 BIO International Convention.

The BIO International Convention is hosted by the Biotechnology Innovation Organisation which represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centres and related organisations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations.

It is estimated that approximately 16,000 representatives from more than 70 countries are estimated will attend the 2018 event which is recognized as the world's largest biotechnology convention.

The Premier's trade and investment mission is designed to support the Queensland Government's 'Advance Queensland Biomedical and Life Sciences 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan' which by 2027 aims to position Queensland as '*a regionally integrated and globally competitive Asia-Pacific biomedical industry hub recognized for its excellence in biomedical innovation, its highly skilled professional workforce, and world-leading translational medical research facilities*' by:

- Supporting Queensland start-ups to prosper and successfully scale up;
- Support existing businesses to grow and attract new businesses to Queensland;
- Promote capabilities to attract investment and facilitate alliances.

While providing support to the Premier, participation in the trade and investment mission offers Council the opportunity to promote the Rockhampton Region as a prime investment destination particularly in the health, education, technology and agricultural sectors to enable the further diversification of the Region's economy and industry.

BACKGROUND

On 9 May 2018, Council received an invitation from the Premier of Queensland, the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP for the Mayor to join a trade and investment mission to the United States of America to attend the 2018 BIO International Convention.

Queensland has led a high-level life science research and industry mission to this convention every year since 1999 showcasing the State's strengths in life sciences to global leaders in the field and to potential and new research and investment partners.

This is the first occasion that Rockhampton Regional Council has been invited to participate at this convention as a member of the Premier's delegation.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet have advised that they are in the process of finalising a proposed itinerary for the trade and investment mission. Meetings with a range of stakeholders are expected which will provide Council with an opportunity to showcase the Region and its capabilities.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure associated with the trade and investment mission will be funded within the existing Office of CEO 2017/2018 operational budget.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The proposed trade mission and the targeted industry sectors are consistent with Council's existing Corporate Plan and strategic direction as identified and summarised in its Economic Development Strategy and Economic Action Plan.

CONCLUSION

The Rockhampton Regional Council is committed to playing an active role in the economic development of the region with the long-term aim of stimulating economic growth and employment in the region through ongoing diversification of the region's economic base.

Council's economic development function will continue to be supported and enhanced by participation in this trade mission which will play an important role in supporting the export potential of local businesses with international markets and provide opportunities to build international connections, attract foreign investment, secure local distributors and importers and develop knowledge of international markets.

**INVITATION FROM THE
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND –
TRADE AND INVESTMENT MISSION**

**Invitation Letter
from the Premier of Queensland,
The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**

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Premier of Queensland
Minister for Trade

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Dear Councillor Strelow

This year will mark the 20th consecutive year that the Queensland Government has had a presence at the annual international BIO Convention in the United States of America (USA).

During this period, Queensland has established long-standing collaborations and partnerships in the life sciences sector and achieved significant outcomes for the State.

Given the importance that the Queensland Government places on this sector, I am pleased to advise of my intention to lead a trade mission to BIO 2018, which will be held 4 – 7 June 2018 in Boston, Massachusetts.

I am also pleased to invite you to be part of my business delegation to BIO 2018, including the Queensland VIP reception on Sunday 3 June 2018. The mission program is currently being developed, however it will be an auspicious time to celebrate our 20 years of engagement with the USA and the biotechnology sector and, most importantly, to identify new opportunities for Queensland.

I am advised that you also have the opportunity to join the Life Sciences Queensland delegation and program, which commences on 31 May 2018 and precedes the Boston program.

Developing jobs by harnessing science, research and innovation continues to be a key priority for my Government. The *Advance Queensland Biofutures: 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan* is my Government's vision for a \$1 billion sustainable and export-oriented industrial biotechnology and bioproducts sector attracting significant international investment, and creating regional, high-value and knowledge-intensive jobs.

The Queensland Government is also focused on leveraging the increasing global interest in Queensland research that addresses health issues impacting residents in our regions, including remote health solutions and tropical diseases such as dengue fever. My Government's *Advance Queensland Biomedical and Life Sciences 10-Year Roadmap* aims to develop Queensland as a regionally integrated and globally competitive Asia-Pacific biomedical industry hub by 2027.

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I hope you will be able to join my delegation to BIO 2018 to build on this success and collectively promote opportunities in your region in the biotechnology space.

For further information on the proposed trade mission, please contact Ms Tess Bishop, Deputy Director-General, Strategy and Engagement, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on telephone (07) 3003 9182 or by email at tess.bishop@premiers.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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