



# **WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**4 JUNE 2014**

The Committee Recommendations contained within these Minutes  
were adopted at the Council Meeting on 10 June 2014.

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**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232  
BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2014  
COMMENCING AT 9:05AM**

**1 OPENING****2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

Councillor G A Belz (Chairperson)  
The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow  
Councillor C R Rutherford  
Councillor A P Williams  
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services  
Mr N Chand – Manager Fitzroy River Water  
Mr J Plumb – Coordinator Treatment and Supply  
Ms J Barrett – Communications Officer  
Ms K Mahon – Committee Support Team Leader

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

9:06AM Councillor Rutherford attended the meeting.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Water Committee held on 30 April 2014 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

**Moved by: Councillor Williams**

**Seconded by: Councillor Fisher**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE  
AGENDA**

**6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

**7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## 8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 8.1 2013-2014 PRICING MODEL REVIEW FINAL REPORT

**File No:** 1267  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

#### SUMMARY

*The current five year price path for the Fitzroy River Barrage high and medium priority water allocation holders is due for review and is required to be set by 30 June 2014. The price principles adopted in December 2008 should continue; however, the need for a Community Service Obligation should be removed as Barrage storage allocation holders will be paying the necessary required return on capital for the Barrage to Fitzroy River Water.*

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a new price path for the storage of allocations behind the Barrage for the next five years be adopted in line with the following principles:

- a) Part A tariff only continues;
- b) full return on capital achieved in (2014/15);
- c) the current Community Service Obligation of 2.5% be removed from the Annual Increase in the Full Commercial Cost; and
- d) a smoothed price path from 2015/16 applies to alleviate minor increases due to RRC demand fluctuations.

**Moved by:** Councillor Belz  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Williams

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

### 9.1 FRW ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

**File No:** 1466

**Attachments:**

1. Customer Service Standards as at 31 March 2014
2. Customer Service and Financial Targets
3. Non Compliance Comments

**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

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#### SUMMARY

*Fitzroy River Water's performance against financial and non-financial targets and key strategies is reported to Council on a quarterly basis in accordance with the adopted 2013/14 Performance Plan. This report as at 31 March 2014, is presented for the Committee's information.*

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fitzroy River Water Annual Performance Plan quarterly report as at 31 March 2014 be received.

**Moved by:** Councillor Rutherford

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fisher

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**9.2 FRW FINANCE AND STRATEGIC MATTERS REPORT - APRIL 2014**

**File No:** 1466  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

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**SUMMARY**

*This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 30 April 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the FRW Finance and Strategic Matters Report for April 2014 be received

**Moved by:** Councillor Williams  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**11 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS**

## 12 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

#### 13.1 Rockhampton Regional Council High Priority Water Allocation Use

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage .

#### 13.2 Undetected Leak Rebate - Bodero Street, Norman Gardens

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(d), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to rating concessions (Personal details of customer and discussion on undetected leak rebate consideration.).

#### 13.3 Undetected Leak Rebate - Commercial Premises, Lakes Creek Road, Koongal 4701

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(d), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to rating concessions.

**Moved by:** Councillor Williams

**Seconded by:** Mayor Strelow

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**9:14AM**

**THAT** pursuant to s341)(k) and s44 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.

**Moved by:** Councillor Williams

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fisher

**MOTION CARRIED**

9:48AM Mayor Strelow left the meeting.  
9:50AM Mayor Strelow attended the meeting.  
10:19AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.  
10:20AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting.  
10:43AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting and did not return.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**10:43AM**

**THAT** pursuant to s34(1)(k) and s44 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

**Moved by: Councillor Williams**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 13.1 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL HIGH PRIORITY WATER ALLOCATION USE

**File No:** 7169

**Attachments:** 1. RRC High Priority Water Allocation Use - Report

**Authorising Officer:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW  
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

**Author:** Jason Plumb - Coordinator Treatment and Supply

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage .

#### SUMMARY

*Opportunities exist for Council to increase the usage of its high priority water allocation in the Fitzroy Barrage storage, however, these opportunities are influenced by important factors such as the relevant legislation that regulates this water use, the extent to which the current water allocation is used, the current water pricing arrangements and demand for water, and the potential risks to long term water security such as drought. This report analyses these various factors and provides recommendations as to how to maximise opportunities for increased water usage in a manner that is sustainable whilst providing the best outcome for the community from this valuable water resource allocation.*

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council receive the report and adopt the following recommendations to optimise the sustainable usage of Council's high priority water allocation being that:

- Information is disseminated to irrigators regarding the removal of the requirement for Land and Water Management Plans;
- FRW's 'water market' is promoted more;
- The Drought Management Plan (DMP) trigger levels for implementing restrictions are reviewed and changed;
- Methods to increase efficient industrial water use are examined; and
- A formal approach be made to the regulator to retain flexibility in future Resource Operations Plan (ROP).

**Moved by:** Councillor Rutherford

**Seconded by:** Councillor Williams

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**13.2 UNDETECTED LEAK REBATE - BODERO STREET, NORMAN GARDENS****File No:** 6238**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(d), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to rating concessions (Personal details of customer and discussion on undetected leak rebate consideration.).

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**SUMMARY**

*The property owner of Bodero St, Norman Gardens has requested Council consider approving a second Undetected Leak Rebate for their property. The property owner received a previous rebate for an undetected leak. The current Council Undetected Leak Rebate Policy allows for only one claim per property. Due to alleged poor workmanship by a plumber in repairing the second undetected leak, the property owner requested a review of the original decision by FRW, this request is being referred to Water Committee for consideration.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the rebate be declined as per Council's Undetected Leak Rebate Policy; however Council enter into a long term payment plan with the property owner for the outstanding water bill.

**Moved by:** Councillor Williams**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.3 UNDETECTED LEAK REBATE - COMMERCIAL PREMISES, LAKES CREEK ROAD, KOONGAL 4701****File No:** 6238**Attachments:** 1. Letter from Mr Larry Finn to Council dated 30 April 2014**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(d), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to rating concessions.

**SUMMARY**

*A commercial premises on Lakes Creek Road, Koongal has requested Council consider increasing their undetected leak rebate claim from 25% to 100% of the extraordinary amount. The premises will receive rebate for an undetected leak consistent with the current Council Undetected Leak Rebate Policy – Commercial. The policy stipulates the rebate is calculated at 25% of the difference between the calculated averaged amount and the extraordinary billed amount.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT a 50% rebate be applied for the outstanding water bill arising from the undetected water leak at the property owned by Yenom Freedom Pty Ltd, Lakes Creek Road, Koongal.

**Moved by:** Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Fisher**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:45am.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE