

# LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING

# **AGENDA**

16 JULY 2019

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 16 July 2019 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 15 July 2019

Next Meeting Date: 06.08.19

## 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 OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### 11.9 RELOCATION INCENTIVES PROPOSAL

File No: 1291 Attachments: Nil

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#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the implementation of incentive packages for prospective workers in the resource sector relocating to the Rockhampton Local Government Area.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT an allocation of up to \$200,000.00 be approved for the purpose of providing incentive packages for prospective workers in the resource sector relocating to the Rockhampton Local Government Area.

#### **COMMENTARY**

On 13 June 2019, Adani Mining received the last outstanding major environmental approval from the Queensland State Government allowing for the commencement of construction works for the Carmichael Mine Project (the Project).

The Project promises to bring significant economic benefits across regional Queensland and more particularly Rockhampton and its Local Government Area (LGA) through both local business supply chain and employment opportunities.

Adani has publicly committed that Rockhampton and Townsville will be the primary hubs of employment for the Project. Maximising the number of workers involved in the construction phase and long-term operational phase of the Project live within the Rockhampton LGA is a priority to ensure the realization of long-term benefits for the Rockhampton Region.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

No specific budget allocation exists for the incentive packages proposed within the current 2019/20 Operational Budget however this will be funded from Advance Rockhampton's Operational Budget. All things being equal this will place the recently adopted budget into deficit. The intent will then be to fund this from the 2018-19 surplus and include in the first revised budget.

### **CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Council's Corporate Plan (2017-2022) provides:

- 2.2 Value add to the strengths of industry to deepen regional activity
- 2.5 Promote, foster and embrace growth opportunities, strategic investment and international exports

The proposal detailed in this report is also consistent with Council's Economic Development Strategy and Economic Action Plan.

#### **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council approves the allocation proposed for the implementation and provision of incentive packages for prospective workers in the resource sector relocating to the Rockhampton Local Government Area.