



**COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON**

# **Special Meeting**

**Monday 30 July, 2007**

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

To discuss the outcome of the announcement of the proposed amalgamations, and to make any decision immediately regarding Council's position.

Meeting held in the Council Chambers  
42 Stephens Street West  
Murgon

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1:45 pm

**ATTENDANCE*****Councillors***

PW Angel, Mayor  
RJ Dennis, Deputy Mayor  
RJ Eisenmenger  
BD Mobbs  
CL Hatchett  
RQ O'Neill

***Officers***

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Hackshaw

**APOLOGIES**

**7895** Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT the apology of Cr Burgess be accepted and leave of absence granted.*

**CARRIED****Notice of Meeting**

The Mayor confirmed that all councilors had been contacted by telephone on Saturday 28 July 2007 to advise them that a Special Meeting would be held on Monday 30 July 2007 for the purpose of discussing the outcome of the announcement of the proposed amalgamations, and to make any decisions immediately regarding Council's position. Section 450 of the Local Government Act refers.

**1. Local Government Reform Commission**

**7896** Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Mobbs: *THAT The Premier and Minister for Local Government be advised that*

- 1. Council objects in the strongest possible terms to the decision to amalgamate the Murgon Shire with the Shires of Wondai, Nanango and Kingaroy;*
- 2. Council will hold the Premier and Minister for Local Government personally responsible for the total lack of representation that the Shire of Murgon will experience in the expanded South Burnett Regional*

*Council;*

3. *Council is dismayed at the total lack of consultation throughout the process and total disregard for the wishes of our shire ratepayers and citizens;*
4. *Council is amazed at the total lack of any detailed analyses to quantify the benefits to Murgon as being part of the new Super Shire;*
5. *As we are a democracy how can your Government do this in such a dictatorial way?*

**CARRIED**

7897

Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT in view of the obvious potential lack of representation, the Government ensure that the new local government to be formed has internal electoral divisions such as to ensure that the citizens of Murgon have a voice in the new Council.*

**CARRIED**

## 2. Misrepresentation in the Local Government Reform Commission Document

It was resolved to advise the Premier and Minister for Local Government Planning and Sport that the report of the Local Government Reform Commission totally misrepresents the submission forwarded by the Murgon Shire Council in respect to the second dot point in 7.1 and third dot point in 7.2. Council's submission states "2 realistic scenarios" of which Council's preference is for the first scenario. Nowhere in our submission have we suggested a preference for the so-called "Super Shire". We object most vigorously to being misrepresented and we demand that a correction to your publication "South Burnett Regional Council" be produced and circulated

## 3. Cloyna Hall Committee

7898

Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT a meeting be organised on Tuesday 31 July 2007 at 4:00 pm between the Mayor, Cr Eisenmenger, Chief Executive Officer, Manager Corporate and Financial Services, members of the Cloyna Hall Committee and the Country Women's Association.*

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:25 pm

Peter Angel  
Mayor