



BUSINESS PAPER

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Monday, 1 June 2020
12.00pm

at

Audio Visual Meeting

Members

Councillor Simon Murray (Mayor)
Councillor Libby Martin (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Peter Bailey
Councillor Jon Galletly
Councillor Diane Gray
Councillor Andrew Murat
Councillor Debra O'Brien
Councillor Margaret O'Connor
Councillor Dorothy Robinson
Councillor Ian Tiley
Councillor Bradley Widders

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Item:	7.1	Ref: AINT/2020/16063
Title:	Mayoral Minute	Container: ARC16/0025
Author:	Simon Murray, Mayor	
Attachments:	Nil	

FOR DECISION

- (a) Welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Notice of Intention to Issue a Suspension Order from the Minister for Local Government under section 438M of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- (b) Acknowledges the behaviours exhibited by our Councillors are unacceptable and pose a significant reputational, legal and work health and safety risk to Council.**
- (c) Acknowledges the regional community has lost respect for their elected representatives.**
- (d) Welcomes the appointment of an administrator for a period of three months to provide stability for our Council and community.**
- (e) Would welcome the opportunity to resume representing our community in the future.**
- (f) Is committed to working with the administrator and any other available support during the period of administration to address the issues raised by the Minister in her Notice.**

Item:	9.1	Ref: AINT/2020/16020
Title:	FOR DECISION - Report to Minister	Container: ARC16/0025
Author:	Scott Waterson, Principal Advisor Governance & Risk	
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notice of Intention2. Call for Extraordinary Council Meeting3. Mayoral Minute from OCM 27/05/20	

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council consider the letter from Minister Hancock of 19 May 2020 and its response to it.

Context

On 19 May 2020 the Minister for Local Government the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP wrote to Mayor Simon Murray giving notice of her intention to issue a suspension order to suspend councillors of Armidale Regional Council, and to appoint an interim administrator for a period of three months. The Notice was given in terms of S438K of the Local Government Act 1993. The Minister's letter invited Council to make a submission in respect of the proposed suspension.

On Wednesday 27 May 2020 at the OCM of Council the Minister's letter was tabled and a Mayoral minute passed agreeing to convene a Workshop to identify and attempt to find common ground among Councillors on the response to the Minister. The Workshop was held with Councillors Murray, Martin, Bailey, Gray, Murat and Widders attending.

If a response is to be given to the Minister by Council it is required by 5pm 1 June 2020.