

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTIETH COUNCIL****TUESDAY 27 JULY 2010**

**MEMBERS:** The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R T Dee; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member R M Knox; Member G A Lambert; Member R Lesley; Member F P Marrone; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir; Member J L Sangster; Member H D Sjoberg.

**OFFICERS:** Chief Executive Officer, Mr B P Dowd; General Manager Corporate Services, Mr F Crawley; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Executive Manager, Mr M Blackburn; Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

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**2      THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**3      MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

**4      APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4.1    Apologies**

**4.2    Leave of Absence Granted**

Nil

**4.3    Leave of Absence Requested**

**5      DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/S****6.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meeting**

THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2010, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S****7.1 Business Arising****8 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE****9 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****11.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items**

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential matters referred from Committees including Confidential Committee Items, and the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C28.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
C29.1	8(c)(i)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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**11.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential****11.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open****12 PETITIONS**

Nil

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 July 2010

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**1 Community & Cultural Services Team Report – June 2010**  
Report No. 10C0090 KH:es (07/07/10) Common No. 1733166

THAT Report Number 10C0090 NM:es entitled, Community & Cultural Services Team Report – June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**2 Regulatory Services Monthly Update – June 2010**  
Report No. 10C0091 DN: mrg (07/07/10) Common No. 1330602

THAT Report Number 10C0091 DN:mrg entitled, Regulatory Services Update June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**3 Libraries Information Update for June 2010**  
Report No. 10P0009 KC:md (07/07/10) Common No. 1732523

THAT Report Number 10P0009 entitled, Libraries Information Update for June 2010 be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

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**4 Minutes Youth Advisory Group 2 June 2010**

Report No. 10C0093 KL:es (07/07/10) Common No. 1799388

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0093 KL:es entitled, Minutes Youth Advisory Group 2 June 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Lord Mayor write to Major Events expressing Council's disappointment concerning the non compliance of Council's smoke free policy at the Amphitheatre during BASSINTHEGRASS, a Northern Territory Government funded youth event.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**5 Update on Implementation of Australian Disability Car Parking Scheme**

Report No. 10C0102 NM:mrg (07/07/10) Common No. 1410723

THAT Report Number 10C0102 NM:mrg entitled, Update on Implementation of Australian Disability Car Parking Scheme, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)



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**6 Security Deposit and Agreement Form for Gig Gear and The 'Fun And Games' Equipment**

Report No. 10C0095 KL:es (07/07/10) Common No. 1826953

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0095 KL:es entitled, Security Deposit and Agreement Form for GIG GEAR and the 'Fun and Games' Equipment, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council adopt the proposed \$500.00 refundable security deposit for the GIG Gear as effective from 1 July 2010, with the amount to be reviewed in twelve (12) months.
- C. THAT Council adopt The GIG GEAR Loan Agreement Form.
- D. THAT Council adopt the proposed \$100.00 refundable security deposit for the Fun and Games equipment as effective from 1 July 2010, with the amount to be reviewed in twelve (12) months.
- E. THAT Council adopt the Application Form – 'Fun and Games' equipment.

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**7 Proposed Fees and Charges 2010/2011 for Lyons Community Centre and Malak Community Centre**

Report No. 10C0096 TS:es (07/07/10) Common No. 1756056

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0096 TS:es entitled, Proposed Fees and Charges 010/2011 for Lyons Community Centre and Malak Community Centre, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council adopt a user pay system at Malak Community Centre and endorse the proposed Non Air Conditioned fee and Air Conditioned fee for inclusion in the 2010/2011 Fees and Charges, effective from 1 August 2010 as follows.

**Proposed 2010/2011 Fees and Charges for Malak Community Centre:**

Malak Community Centre	2010/2011 Including GST	2010/2011 Including GST
	Non Air Conditioned	Air Conditioned
	\$	\$
Private functions, one off (Entire Centre), Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm. Plus	<b>299.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>
• Cleaning & Security Deposit; and	237.00    👍	237.00    👍
• Key Deposit	67.00    👍	67.00    👍
• Key Deposit for Air Conditioner		67.00    👍

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<b>Large Area Hire</b>		
• 2 hour minimum charge	<b>19.00</b>	<b>23.00</b>
• Per hour thereafter	<b>9.50</b>	<b>11.50</b>
• All day any day until 5:00 pm.	<b>56.00</b>	<b>69.00</b>
Plus		
• Cleaning & Security Deposit; and	237.00 	237.00 
• Key Deposit	67.00 	67.00 
• Key Deposit for Air Conditioner		67.00 
<b>Small Area Hire</b>		
• 2 hour minimum charge	<b>15.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>
• Per hour thereafter	<b>8.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
• All day any day until 5:00 pm.	<b>45.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>
Plus		
• Cleaning & Security Deposit; and	237.00 	237.00 
• Key Deposit	67.00 	67.00 
• Key Deposit for Air Conditioner		67.00 
Storage Area (per annum) payable in advance 1 July each year. (Quarterly pro rata or part thereof)	<b>52.00</b>	<b>52.00</b>

- C. THAT Council endorse the proposed hire fees for the Lyons Community Centre as shown in this report, for inclusion in the 2010/2011 Fees and Charges, effective from 1 August 2010 as follows.

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**Proposed 2010/2011 Fees and Charges for Lyons Community Centre:**

<b>Lyons Community Centre</b>	
	<b>2010/2011 Including GST</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>Meeting Room Hire (Air Conditioning Included)</b>	
• 2 hour minimum charge	<b>23.00</b>
• Per hour thereafter	<b>11.50</b>
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	<b>69.00</b>
Plus	
• Cleaning & Security Deposit; and	<b>237.00</b> 
• Key Deposit	<b>67.00</b>
	
<b>Outdoor Area Hire</b>	
• 2 hour minimum charge	<b>13.00</b>
• Per hour thereafter	<b>8.00</b>

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**8 Minutes of Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Meeting 10 June 2010 and Darwin City Centre Public Art Master Plan**  
Report No. 10C0098 AR:mrg (07/07/10) Common No. 1805147

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0098 AR:mrg entitled, Minutes of Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Meeting 10 June 2010 and Darwin City Centre Public Art Master Plan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the Darwin City Centre Public Art Master Plan as a framework to inform Council's Public Art Policy and a set of guidelines for public and private sector organisations wishing to access Council support and funding for Public Art projects.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**9 Site Proposal for Cultural Village Symbolic Poles**  
Report No. 10C0099 AR:mrg (07/07/10) Common No. 1207373

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0099 AR:mrg entitled, Site Proposal for Cultural Village Symbolic Poles, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the proposal to locate the Cultural Village NT poles in Bicentennial Park be referred to the Bicentennial Park Master Plan process to enable the proposal to be assessed as part of an overall Public Art strategy for Bicentennial Park.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

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**10 Minutes Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 10 June 2010**

Report No. 10C0100 NM:mrg (07/07/10) Common No. 1824504

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0100 NM:mrg entitled, Minutes Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 10 June 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Darwin City Council formulate a policy on the installation of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSIs) within its Footpaths Policy No. 048 in accordance with AS1428.
- C. THAT Darwin City Council investigate installing Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSIs) at Nightcliff Shopping Precinct in order to improve accessibility for people with visual impairment.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**11 Centenary of the Naming of Darwin**

Report No. 10C0101 AF:mrg (07/07/10) Common No. 1747698

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0101 entitled, Centenary of the Naming of Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council commissions a public art project to celebrate the centenary of the naming of Darwin.
- C. THAT Council consult with the Northern Territory Government regarding a potential Centenary Celebration.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 July 2010

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**1 Corporate Services Monthly Report -June 2010**  
Report No. 10A0112 (09/07/10) Common No. 339108

THAT Report Number 10A0112 entitled, Corporate Services Monthly Report – June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**2 Listing of Cheques/EFT Payments, June 2010**  
Report No. 10A0113 (09/07/10) Common No. 339125

THAT Report Number 10A0113 entitled, Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**3 Financial Report to Council - June 2010**  
Report No. 10A0114 (09/07/10) Common No. 339122

THAT Report Number 10A0114 entitled, Financial Report to Council – June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

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**4 Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – June 2010**  
Report No. 10A0115 (09/07/10) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 10A0115 entitled, Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**5 Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor during June 2010**  
Report No. 10TC0036 (09/07/10) Common No. 381402

THAT Report Number 10TC0036 entitled, Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor during June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**6 Register of Elected Members Professional Development Activities and Lord Mayor Donations/ Grants from April to June 2010**  
Report No. 10TC0039 (09/07/10) Common No. 315321

THAT Report Number 10TC0039 BDFM entitled, Register of Elected Members Professional Development Activities and Lord Mayor Donations / Grants from April to June 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)



**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

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**7 Walkways Update**

Report No. 10A0117 (09/07/10) Common No. 1646030

THAT Report Number 10A0117 entitled, Walkway Update, be received and noted

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**8 Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meetings changes for 2010/2011**

Common No. 375173

THAT future Corporate & Economic Development Committee meetings be re-scheduled for 2010/2011 to commence at 12.00 noon Tuesdays Monthly.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 July 2010

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**1 Climate Change & Environment Team Update - July 2010**  
Report No. 10TS0123PR (14/07/10) Common No. 1792647

THAT Report Number 10TS0123 PR entitled, Climate Change & Environment Team Report - June - July 2010 Update, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**2 Tree of Knowledge Status Report – July 2010**  
Report No. 10TS0134 (12/07/10) Common No. 1474819

THAT Report Number 10TS0134 KS:KB entitled, Tree of Knowledge Status Report – July 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 July 2010

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**3 Power and Water Corporation – Underground Power Project – July 2010 Update**

Report No. 10TS0130 (07/07/10) Common No. 1432727

- A. THAT Report Number 10TS0130 ND:KB entitled, Power and Water Corporation – Underground Power Project - July 2010 Update, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council write to the Minister of Essential Services regarding the Power and Water Corporation – Underground Power Project in Rapid Creek and Millner:
  - i) Expressing its concerns at the continual delays and time taken to complete this project.
  - ii) Requesting the Minister to take action to expedite the completion of works.
  - iii) The Minister and Power and Water Corporation take action to inform and reassure the community on the progress of the project and completion dates.

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**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

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**4 Doctors Gully Sewer Pump Station Land Purchase Lot 5686 and Easement Creation Lots 5686, 5551, 5245 and 5246**

Report No. 10TS0109 (03/06/10) Common No. 1292292

- A. THAT Report Number 10TS0109 ND:Im entitled, Doctors Gully Sewer Pump Station Land Purchase on Lot 5686 and Easement Creation on Lots 5686, 5551, 5245 and 5246, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council approve the sale of part Lot 5686 Town of Darwin as detailed in the **Attachment B** of Report Number 10TS0109 ND:Im to Power and Water Corporation subject to:
  - (i) Final location and area to be to the satisfaction of the General Manager – Infrastructure, Darwin City Council;
  - (ii) Payment to Council for the purchase to be to the value independently determined by the Australian Valuation Office;
  - (iii) That all costs associated with the creation and sale be at Power and Water Corporation expense.
- C. THAT Council approve the creation of easements on Lots 5686, 5551 and 5245 Town of Darwin as detailed in **Attachment C** of Report Number 10TS0109 ND:Im favour of Power and Water Corporation subject to:
  - (i) Easement sizes and locations to be finalised and to the satisfaction of the General Manager – Infrastructure, Darwin City Council; and
  - (ii) That all costs associated with the creation of the easements be at Power and Water Corporation expense.

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**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

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- 4 Doctors Gully Sewer Pump Station Land Purchase Lot 5686 and Easement Creation Lots 5686, 5551, 5245 and 5246**  
Report No. 10TS0109 (03/06/10) Common No. 1292292

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- D. THAT Darwin City Council pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008 hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, to finalise the sale of part Lot 5686 and creation of sewer easements on Lots 5686, 5551 and 5245 Town of Darwin in favour of PowerWater Corporation in accordance with Report Number 10TS0109 ND:lm.
- E. THAT Darwin City Council, pursuant to Section 26 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008, hereby authorises all relevant documentation relating to the Doctors Gully Sewer Pump Station Land Purchase on Lot 5686 and Easement Creation on Lots 5686, 5551, 5245 and 5246 be executed under the Council's Common Seal and signed by the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

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**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

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**5 Petition from Mall Traders on the 2010 Darwin Mall Revitalisation Project**  
Report No. 10TS0133 (12/07/10) Common No. 1486204

- A. THAT Report Number 10TS0133DC entitled, Petition From Mall Traders on the 2010 Darwin Mall Revitalisation Project, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse **Attachment B** to Report Number 10TS0133DC as its response to the Concerned Mall Traders Petition.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**6 Connecting Darwin: Building New Cycle Linkages Project – July 2010 Progress Report**  
Report No. 10TS0126 (05/07/10) Common No. 1110707

THAT Report Number 10TS0126 DC:lm entitled, Connecting Darwin: Building New Cycle Linkages Project - July 2010 Progress Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

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**7 MY0800 Darwin City Revitalisation Project - Progress Report July 2010 (Entire Project)**

Report No. 10TS0125 (05/06/10) Common No. 1486204

THAT Report Number 10TS0125 entitled MY0800 Darwin City Revitalisation Project - Progress Report July 2010 (Entire Project), be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**8 Infrastructure – Design, Planning & Projects Section – April to June 2010 Report**

Report No. 10TS0129 (06/07/10) Common No. 1832896

THAT Report Number 10TS0129 DL:lm entitled, Infrastructure – Design, Planning & Projects Section - April To June 2010 Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

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**9 Waste and Recycling – April to June 2010 Quarterly Report**  
Report No. 10TS0128 (06/07/10) Common No. 1738353

THAT Report Number 10TS0128BH entitled, Waste and Recycling - April to June 2010 Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**10 Capital Works – April to June 2010 Quarterly Report**  
Report No. 10TS0124 SMCD (02/07/10) Common No. 1541601

THAT Report Number 10TS0124 SMCD entitled, Capital Works – April to June 2010 Quarterly Report , be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**11 Asset Management – April to June 2010 Quarterly Report**  
Report No. 10TS0136 (12/07/10) Common No. 1832912

THAT Report Number 10TS0136 TM:KB entitled, Asset Management – April to June 2010 Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)



**14 COMMITTEE REPORTS****14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/07/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 July 2010

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**12 Contamination Issue at Shoal Bay**

THAT a report be prepared on the management of E Waste at Shoal Bay.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**13 E Waste Investigation**

THAT a report be prepared on E Coli and Enterococci levels published and Licenses issued by the Northern Territory Government.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

**14 Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meetings changes for 2010/2011**  
Common No. 375173

THAT future Environment & Infrastructure Committee meetings be re-scheduled for 2010/2011 to commence at 4.00 p.m. Mondays monthly.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

## 15 OFFICERS REPORTS

### 15.1 Parap Primary School – Ross Smith Avenue and Urquhart Street, Parap Report No. 10TS0143LC:kb (19/07/10) Common No. 323186

*Report Number 10TS0143LC:kb attached.*

ENCL: YES

## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 19/07/2010

## REPORT

TO: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: LC

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

APPROVED: BD

REPORT NO: 10TS0143LC:KB

COMMON NO: 323186

SUBJECT: PARAP PRIMARY SCHOOL – ROSS SMITH AVENUE AND  
URQUHART STREET, PARAP

## ITEM NO: 15.1

**SYNOPSIS:**

Since 2002 the Parap Primary School has approached Council as various occasions regarding the transfer of road reserve on the corner of Ross Smith Avenue and Urquhart Street, Parap, to the school. This area of land is commonly referred to as the "Parap Triangle".

The Minister for Lands and Planning has recently written to Council with an offer to contribute \$300,000 towards the realignment of road works to facilitate the transfer of land to the school, **Attachment A**.

This report recommends Council reaffirm its agreement to the transfer of land and write to the Minister seeking a commitment by the Northern Territory Government to fully fund the costs associated with the transfer.

**GENERAL:**

In 2002, following initial informal discussions, the Parap Primary School formally approached Darwin City Council for consideration of the consolidation of a portion of road reserve (Parap Triangle) with the school allotment. The effected area is indicated in **Attachment B**. Council considered the matter in September 2002 and resolved:

**Parap Primary School - Acquisition of Road Reserve, Ross Smith Avenue/Urquhart Street**

External Ref No.02TS0328 (10/09/02) Internal Ref No.318530

- A. THAT Report Number 02TS0328 entitled Parap Primary School - Acquisition of Road Reserve, Ross Smith Avenue/Urquhart Street, be received and noted.

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- B. THAT Council approve in principle the proposal by Parap Primary School to acquire the relevant portion of road reserve, subject to the school accepting responsibility for:
- All costs associated with the works
  - Consultation with service authorities and any required relocation or creation of easements
  - All fees, costs and charges associated with road closure and transfer of title
- C. THAT subject to the Parap Primary School agreeing to all conditions associated with the acquisition of the road reserve, Council undertake consultation with local residents.

DECISION NO.18\4049 (24/09/02)

On 20 January 2003, Council considered correspondence from the Parap Primary School advising it no longer wished to proceed with the negotiations.

**Land Transfer: Ross Smith Avenue/Urquhart Street**

Document No. 345872 (18/12/02)

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Letter, Document Number 345872, from Parap Primary School, advising that the School Council does not wish to proceed with further negotiations in relation to the proposed Land Transfer of Ross Smith Avenue/Urquhart Street, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.18\4500 (20/01/03)

The matter was again considered by Council in December 2006 following a request from the school to re-activate discussions.

“The Report Number 06TC0095, to Council in 2006 stated the following:

On the assumption that it does wish to proceed, the following outline of the project and process is suggested:

1. re-affirm agreement to transfer land on conditions;
2. re-visit the consultation with residents;
3. prepare road closure plans and traffic management treatments for changes to the intersection with Ross Smith Avenue and traffic movements in Urquhart Street;
4. liaise with the School regarding a vehicle drop off lane in Ross Smith Avenue that could be dealt with as part of the works associated with the road closure etc;

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5. prepare cost estimates for the total project including road closure, subdivision/consolidation process, physical works and title preparations;
6. that the transfer conditions referred to in 1. above include:
  - (i) that the Council not seek to sell the closed portion of road but rather transfer it to the School as a gift on the basis that it is to be incorporated into another
  - (ii) that the total project costs be the subject of negotiations with the Northern Territory Government with the view to reaching agreement on sharing these costs.

Council resolved the following:

**Parap School - Urquhart Street Land**

Report No.06TC0095 (04/12/06) Common No.323186

- A. THAT Report Number 06TC0095 entitled Parap School – Urquhart Street Land, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Council re-affirm its agreement in principle to transfer part of Urquhart Street to the Parap Primary School.
- C. THAT for the purpose of progressing this matter the project outline referred to in Report Number 06TC0095 be adopted as the basis for planning and negotiations but that the transfer of the land be at no cost to the Council.

DECISION NO.19\3897 (12/12/06)

In February 2008, Council staff reviewed the likely costs associated with the transfer of the Parap Triangle. At that time it was estimated that roadwork costs would be in the order of \$360,000. The estimate did not include:

- Service relocations
- Legal expenses
- Consultation
- Design costs
- Street lighting
- Landscaping

The estimate was based on some very preliminary concept drawings and given the time that has elapsed since February 2008, the original estimate of \$360,000 and other associated costs have no doubt increased considerably.

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The transfer of land will result in a increase in land available for education purposes which could result in a benefit to the Parap Primary School and is likely to benefit the Parap Community.

The issue has in recent times been raised by the Parap School and the local member with Council. Both have been advised of Council's existing decision regarding the matter.

The Minister for Lands and Planning has recently written to Council offering \$300,000 towards the costs of realigning the road works to facilitate the transfer land to the school subject to the Council and the Parap Primary School reaching agreement.

The funding offer is insufficient to complete the works and other associated costs and requires Council and the school to reach agreement and by default find the balance of funding the project.

Other than the financial offer by the Minister, there has been no other substantive changes to the issue since it was last considered by Council and no other funding has been identified from either the Northern Territory Government or the Parap Primary School.

Council has previously indicated that it would not sell the land but rather gift it to the school. The land was valued at over \$20,000 in 2008.

It will be recommended that Council re-affirm its 2003 decision being agreement in principle to transfer part of Urquhart Street to Parap Primary School subject to it being done at no cost to Council and that the Northern Territory Government be asked to fund the entire project.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The estimate value of the land to be gifted by Council is over \$20,000.

The estimate cost of the road works and other associate costs in 2008 was in excess of \$360,000.

Council has not funded this project in its 2010/2011 budget.

The Northern Territory Government has offered \$300,000 subject to an agreement between the Parap Primary School and Council.

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

#### **Outcome**

5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion

#### **Key Strategies**

5.1.1 Create more opportunities for the community to access services and facilities

#### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

7.1 Effective governance

#### **Key Strategies**

7.1.2 Minimise exposure of Council through effective risk management practices

#### **Key Strategies**

7.1.3 Manage Council's affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Various

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Reactions to this issue are likely to be diverse.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

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### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Should the project proceed Council will need to undertake community consultation regarding the transfer of land and resulting road closure and modifications.

Community consultation shall be undertaken by Council at no cost to Council.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Should the project proceed appropriate signage will be required relating to the works and closure. This will be determined at that time.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 10TS0143LC:KB entitled, Parap Primary School – Ross Smith Avenue And Urquhart Street, Parap, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council re-affirm its agreement in principle to transfer part of Urquhart Street to Parap Primary School as per Decision Number 18\4049.
- C. THAT Council write to the Minister for Lands and Planning advising of Council's position regarding the transfer of part of Urquhart Street to the Parap Primary School and requesting that the Government fully fund this project to increase land available for education purposes.
- D. THAT Council write to the Parap Primary School advising of the financial contribution offer by the Minister Lands and Planning and Council's response.

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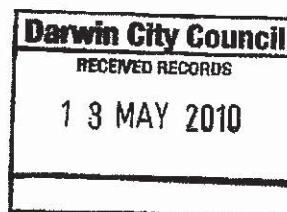




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Mr Brendan Dowd  
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Dear Mr Dowd

I am writing in relation to the Parap Primary School's proposal to incorporate Darwin City Council land and road, known as the 'Parap Triangle', into the school grounds. I have been advised that Council has been in consultation with the School regarding this proposal for some months.

I am pleased to advise that should the Darwin City Council and Parap Primary School reach agreement in relation to the proposal, the Northern Territory Government is prepared to contribute \$300 000 towards the cost of realigning the road works to facilitate the transfer of the area to the School.

Should you wish to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact Ms Kirrily Chambers, Director Land Administration of the Department of Lands and Planning on telephone 8999 6631.

Yours sincerely

GERRY MCCARTHY

11 MAY 2010



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REASONABLE CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ACCURATELY SHOW INITIAL POSITION OF EXISTING SERVICES, HOWEVER, THE POSITION OF INITIAL POSITION SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVEN ON SITE AND NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN THAT ALL EXISTING SERVICES ARE SHOWN.



## 15 OFFICERS REPORTS

### 15.2 Overview of the Territory Day Fireworks Activities July 2010 Report No. 10C0105 DN:mrg (22/07/10) Common No. 1176862

*Report Number 10C0105 DN:mrg attached.*

ENCL: NO

## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: 22/07/10

TO: 2<sup>nd</sup> ORDINARY/OPEN

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: DN

REPORT NO: 10C0105 DN:mrg

COMMON NO: 1176862

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF THE TERRITORY DAY FIREWORKS ACTIVITIES  
JULY 2010**ITEM NO: 15.2****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an overview of activities conducted by Council in relation to planning, implementation, media, resources and outcomes of Territory Day 2010.

**GENERAL:**

In accordance with legislative changes to the Dangerous Goods Regulations, Mindil Beach was designated as an exclusion zone in 2009 prohibiting the ignition of private fireworks during Territory Day celebrations.

To effectively enforce the changes in legislation Darwin City Council (Council) provides substantial resources towards the NT Government's sponsored fireworks display held at Mindil Beach on Territory Day. With the event coinciding with the Mindil Beach Markets in 2010, it was forecast that the number of people attending the event could easily exceed 25,000.

Final costings are being calculated and Council is seeking information regarding the quantity of fireworks sold in Darwin/Territory NT.

**Parks**

Operational tasks performed:

- Risk Management Plan drafted in collaboration with Tony Simons
- Hire, delivery and management of 6 portable toilets
- Installation and removal traffic control signage
- Hire of A.C.E.N.T for traffic management

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- Organising and management of 3 ovals for overflow parking;
  1. Darwin High
  2. Myilly Point
  3. Gardens Secondary Oval
- Hire and management of 3 lighting towers for the 3 overflow carparks
- Hire, installation and wording of 6 Variable Message Boards, 3 of which were stationed on the overflow parking areas
- Design and supply of diagrams for final NT News advertisement for 1st July
- Organise parks crew to install safety barriers around low bollards in pedestrian area
- Installation of fencing, buffer zones, and local government signage
- The control and management of vehicles, pedestrians, parking and traffic control point duty
- Organise cleaning services for extra toilets
- Seven (7) traffic controllers to manage traffic flow
- Additional signage and a variable message board were placed at the East Point Black Gates (Dudley Point) to alert the public to the early closure at 6pm.

From approximately 1600hrs the Mindil Beach carpark was nearing capacity and the NT Government land next to Mindil had a minimal number of parks still available.

Overflow carparks were nearing capacity by 1900hrs, with traffic banking up past the Goyder Road lights. Once carparks were full they were closed for access and vehicles were directed towards the city centre where buses were providing transport free of cost to Mindil Beach.

Equipment Hired for Territory Day Fireworks:

12 Portable toilets - 3 Lighting Towers

6 Variable Message Boards - delivery installation and pickup total

Supply 10 controllers for 3 overflow carparks and Mindil area

Additional Parking signs - 3 parking arrows

### **Rubbish Disposal**

Skip bins were placed in the following locations to provide additional capacity for the disposal of public litter.

- 2 x bins at East Point reserve (one in each car park either side of the toilet block)
- 3 x bins at Nightcliff Foreshore ( 1 x boat ramp car park, 1 x swimming pool car park, 1 x windsurfers Car park)
- 2 x bins at Vestseys Beach (1 x boat ramp end, 1 Sailing Club end)

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## **Occupational Health & Safety** - Overview of Territory Day activities

.Council and the NT Police conducted a joint operation to ensure the following:

- Compliance with and enforcement of relevant laws
- Inspection for and removal of prohibited items
- Enforcement of buffer zones
- Traffic management
- General assistance to patrons.

### **Objectives**

The joint operation and prior planning activities achieved all aims and objectives with regard to the following:

- Effective public awareness campaign and advisory initiatives prior to the event
- Detailing of individual and group tasks and responsibilities event
- Effective allocation of resources and consumables

### **Observations**

The crowd started arriving in volume at approx 1600 hrs and by the time the sponsored fireworks were displayed at approx 1930 hrs the Mindil Beach and market areas contained conservatively in excess of 12 thousand patrons. The demographic of crowd was as follows:

- Family and children
- Young tourists
- Elderly tourists
- Local youth.

### **Hazards**

Several hazards identified during the 2009 event were reviewed and the following measures were implemented to minimise the potential for physical injury.

- Beach access points where high density plastic matting was installed had additional sand introduced. This removed the risks associated with the hazardous drop points between the sand and mat that had voids of up to 150-200mm. Unlike the previous event, no complaints or incidents were reported in relation to the beach access walkways.
- Traffic control was co-ordinated with the assistance of A.C.E.N.T Traffic Control. Additional parking areas were also made available to the public at the Darwin Middle School Oval, Gardens Oval and the old hospital site. The provision of the additional parking areas helped minimise traffic congestion that was evident during last year's event.

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- In responding to public complaints pertaining to the lack of toilet facilities, portable toilets were provided and situated at both ends of the Mindil Beach markets.
- A convenient pickup and drop off point was organised for tourists arriving by coach, mini bus and taxi. Disabled bays were made available in close proximity to the beach area for those displaying the appropriate permit.
- No vehicular accidents were observed by Council staff or reported by motorists.

## **Conclusion**

The event at Mindil Beach was a huge success demonstrated by the excellent public attendance, positive feedback from patrons and the absence of personal fireworks and related injuries. In addition, the coordination and forward planning by Council staff contributed to a safe and successful event.

## **Regulatory Services**

### **Mindil Beach Regulation**

Fifteen Council Rangers were involved in the regulation of the Mindil Beach exclusion zone during Territory Day celebrations on 1 July 2010 from 1600hrs until 2300hrs. During this period Rangers were responsible for ensuring that those attending the event did not possess or ignite private fireworks within the designated exclusion zone.

Four Northern Territory uniformed police officers were also present throughout the evening and worked in co-operation with Council Rangers to successfully maintain a safe, family friendly environment.

### **Infringements issued**

Only one infringement was issued during the course of the evening. The infringement was issued for the ignition of a private firework within the exclusion zone pursuant to By-law 45. This incident occurred at approximately 2200hrs and no injuries were sustained as a result.

Other incidents involving the ignition of private fireworks within the exclusion zone were reported but were very minor, involving only small jumping jack type crackers. These incidents occurred in the grassed parking areas towards the end of the night after the main fireworks event had concluded. Rangers and police could not identify the offenders because of the large crowd and lack of visibility.

No reports of any injuries were reported during the course of the event at Mindil Beach.

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## **Animal Management**

Three Rangers responded to calls pertaining to lost and found animals during the night of Territory fireworks. Council's after hours communications received thirty-one calls:

- 14 animals reported as found
- 4 animals reported as missing
- 13 animals that required impounding
- All animals have since been returned to their registered owners
- Rangers finished at approximately 11pm.

## **Advertising and Media**

Communications and Marketing media advertising strategy for Mindil Beach fireworks was administered via the following media channels.

NT NEWS	TERRITORY FM	CHANNEL 9
DARWIN SUN	TV Commercial	CHANNEL 7
RADIO	HOT 100 FM	

For future events it may prove beneficial, based on feedback, to provide additional information on available parking localities 2 weeks prior to the event.

In addition, Darwin City Council's ***Above All Else, Your Safety Comes First*** tag was again promoted during the lead up to the fireworks event.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Costs to date to Council in relation to Territory Day activities is approximately \$35,845.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

### **Outcome**

1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

### **Key Strategies**

1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin

### **Key Strategies**

2.1.4 Provide a clean and liveable municipality



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## **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

## **Outcome**

2.3 Promote family friendly activities

## **Key Strategies**

2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Enhanced safety of community members as the result of the exclusion zone and significant Regulatory Services and operational staff engagement during and after the event.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0105 DN:mrg entitled, Overview of the Territory Day Fireworks Activities July 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council write to the NT Government requesting compensation for costs associated with the regulation of Territory Day activities.

**DAVE NEALL**  
**MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES**

**JOHN BANKS**  
**MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**

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## **15 OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **15.3 Review of Electoral Representation**

Report No. 10TC0042 MB (21/07/10) Common No. 192542

*Report Number 10TC0042 attached.*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE: 21/07/10****REPORT****TO:** 1<sup>st</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING /OPEN**APPROVED:** BD**FROM:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**APPROVED:** MB**REPORT NO:** 10TC0042**APPROVED:****COMMON NO:** 192542**SUBJECT:** REVIEW OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

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**ITEM NO:** 15.3**SYNOPSIS:**

The *Local Government Act Section 23* requires each Local Government Council to carry out a review of its electoral representation every four years.

This report recommends Council endorses (**Attachment A**) *Discussion Paper – Review of Electoral Representation* for community consultation.

**GENERAL:**

The *Local Government Act Section 23* requires each local government Council to carry out a review of its electoral representation every four years.

The key issues that need to be addressed during the review include:

- the composition of Council (i.e. the number of elected members (excluding the Lord Mayor) required to adequately and fairly represent the electors of the City and perform the roles and responsibilities of Council);
- the title of the elected members (excluding the Lord Mayor);
- whether or not the City should be divided into wards;
- if the City is to be divided into wards, the identification of a ward structure that exhibits an equitable distribution of electors between the proposed wards and the appropriate level of representation within each ward (i.e. single or multi-member wards, or a combination thereof); and
- the identification/naming of any proposed future wards.

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Council engaged CL Rowe & Associates Pty Ltd to prepare the *Discussion Paper – Review of Electoral Representation* (**Attachment A**) in order to consult with the community.

The proposed two stage consultation process as detailed in the (**Attachment A**) *Discussion Paper - Review of Electoral Representation* will include:

### **Stage 1**

- A three (3) week public consultation period (August 2010) during which interested community members will be afforded the opportunity to consider and comment upon the “Discussion Paper” and any matters relevant to the review.
- In August/September 2010 Council will consider information pertaining to the initial public consultation and the issues arising from the submissions made. An “Options Paper” will be prepared on any proposals that Council considers should be carried into effect.

### **Stage 2**

- During October 2010 Council will undertake a second public consultation (three (3) week period) affording interested persons the opportunity to consider and comment upon an “Options Paper”.

In October/November 2010 Council will consider the submissions received from the second public consultation and will make the final decisions regarding the future size and composition of the elected body.

In November/December 2010 Council will forward a submission to the Minister for Local Government detailing the changes Council proposes to implement to its composition and structure.

Elected members have been advised that the Minister for Local Government has recently initiated consultation on local government voting systems. A future separate report will be prepared for Council on this issue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The costs to conduct this Electoral Review have been committed against the Council’s Municipal Elections Cost Centre.

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

7.1 Effective Governance

#### **Key Strategy**

7.1.6 Develop contemporary management policies

#### **Outcome**

7.2 Display strong and effective leadership, within Council and across government

#### **Key Strategy**

7.2.1 Display contemporary leadership and management practices within Council

7.2.4 Keep abreast of Australian and world trends to ensure Darwin is prepared and can make informed decisions.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Council is required to undertake this Electoral Representation Review in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Potentially positive due to the planned community engagement in the Review.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

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**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

The elements of the public consultation will include:

- Public Notices in the NT News outlining the key issues.
- A notice on Council's website with a link to the Discussion Paper.
- One public meeting.
- A short survey (hard copy form) will be placed in Customer Service areas of the Civic Centre and all libraries.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 10TC0042 MB entitled, Review of Electoral Representation, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses (**Attachment A**) Discussion Paper – Review of Electoral Representation for the purpose of community consultation.
- C. THAT a further report be prepared for Council on the outcomes of Stage 1 of the community consultation in order to prepare an "Options Paper" for the Stage 2 community consultation.

**MARK BLACKBURN**  
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**BRENDAN DOWD**  
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## DISCUSSION PAPER

### Review of Electoral Representation (Section 23 of the Local Government Act 2008)

Prepared for

**Darwin City Council**

Prepared by

**C L Rowe & Associates Pty Ltd**

July 2010



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 63(1) of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008, Council is required to carry out an electoral review when it makes or revises its assessment of the adequacy of the constitutional arrangements presently in force and, in particular, whether they provide the most effective possible representation for the area. The review is to be based upon the current elector numbers; the current system of exhaustive preferential voting; and the current external boundaries of the City.

Darwin City Council must complete the review of its current constitutional arrangements by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, in order to have any proposed amendments in place before the 2012 Local Government elections.

The key issues that need to be addressed during the review include:

- the composition of Council (i.e. the number of elected members (excluding the Lord Mayor) required to adequately and fairly represent the electors of the City and perform the roles and responsibilities of Council);
- the title of the elected members (excluding the Lord Mayor);
- whether or not the City should be divided into wards;
- if the City is to be divided into wards, the identification of a ward structure that exhibits an equitable distribution of electors between the proposed wards and the appropriate level of representation within each ward (i.e. single or multi-member wards, or a combination thereof); and
- the identification/naming of any proposed future wards.

Council's current ward structure exhibits a significant imbalance in elector numbers between the existing wards, the extreme being a 33% variation between the Chan and Waters wards. The provisions of Regulation 63 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008 require that, if a Council area is divided into wards, the Council must consider the desirability of the number of electors for each ward being as near to equal as practicable at the next general election. This being the case, the current ward structure of Council should not be retained.

The review process will incorporate two (2) public consultation stages which will afford interested members of the community the opportunity to make written submissions expressing their views on the key issues relevant to the review.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Section 23(1)(c) of the Northern Territory Local Government Act 2008 (the Act) requires that Council's municipal plan contain the most recent assessment of the adequacy of the constitutional arrangements presently in force for the Council and, in particular, whether they provide the most effective possible representation for the area.

Regulation 63(1) of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008 (the Regulations) specifies that a Council is to carry out an electoral review when it makes or revises an assessment under Section 23 of the Act.

Section 23(2) of the Act requires an assessment of Council's constitutional arrangements be undertaken at least once in the Council's term. As the next Local Government elections are scheduled for March 2012, Council must complete a review of its current constitutional arrangements by March 2011, as per the requirements of Regulation 63(5) which specify that Council should complete its electoral review at least twelve months before the next general election.

The Darwin City Council last completed an "electoral review" in September 2006 at which time it resolved to retain the then existing number of elected members (i.e. the Lord Mayor and twelve (12) Aldermen); alter the municipal boundaries to include land identified as "Tivendale", "Stokes Hill Wharf" and "Fort Hill Wharf"; transfer land in the "Hidden Valley" location to the "East Arm Control Area"; and make no alterations to the then existing ward structure, except for the inclusion of the "Tivendale" area into the Waters Ward.

This discussion paper examines the advantages and disadvantages of the various options that are available to Council in respect to its composition and structure. It contains information pertaining to the review process; elector ratios (i.e. the average number of electors represented by an elected member); demographic trends; population projections; residential development opportunities; and ward structure options.

The key issues that need to be addressed during the review include:

- the composition of Council, more specifically the number of elected members (excluding the mandatory office of the Lord Mayor) who, in the opinion of Council, are required to adequately and fairly represent the electors of the Darwin City Council and perform the roles and responsibilities of Council;
- the title of the elected members, with the exception of that of the Lord Mayor which is the prescribed title for the principal member of the Darwin City Council (refer Section 42(2)(a) of the Act);
- the division of the City into wards, or the abolition of wards;
- if the City is to be divided into wards, the identification of a ward structure that exhibits an equitable distribution of electors between the proposed wards, as required by the provisions of Regulation 63(3)(a);
- the number of wards and level of representation within each (i.e. single, dual and/or multi-member wards, or combinations thereof); and
- the identification/naming of any proposed future wards.

In regards to the review and the issues to be addressed, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (the Department) has advised that:

- the Act does not require Council to address the existing voting system;
- Council should conduct its current review based upon the current system of exhaustive preferential voting and the current external boundaries of the City; and
- concern regarding the suitability of the exhaustive preferential voting system for Local Government in the Northern Territory has been acknowledged by the Minister for Local Government, and a consultative review process has been initiated by the Department to determine if the Local Government voting system needs to be changed.

At the end of the elector representation review being conducted by Council, any proposed changes to its composition and/or ward structure should serve to uphold the democratic principle of “one person, one vote, one value”; and take into account issues such as communities of interest, communication and travel, population trends and densities, and physical features, as per the requirements of Regulation 63.

An indicative review process and schedule from this point is as follows.

- A three (3) week public consultation period (August 2010) during which a public meeting will be conducted and interested community members will be afforded the opportunity to consider and comment upon the “Discussion Paper” and any matters relevant to the review.
- In August/September 2010 Council will consider information pertaining to the initial public consultation and the issues arising from the submissions made, following which it will prepare a “Review Report” that will provide information relating to the initial public consultation, set out any proposal that Council considers should be carried into effect, and will analyse how the proposal relates to the relevant principles of the Local Government Act.
- During October 2010 Council will undertake a second public consultation (three (3) week period) affording interested persons the opportunity to consider and comment upon the “Review Report”.
- In October/November 2010 Council will consider the submissions received from the second public consultation and will make the final decisions regarding the future size and composition of the elected body.
- November/December 2010 Council will forward a report to Minister for Local Government detailing the changes Council proposes to implement to its composition and structure.

It should be noted that Council will consult with the Northern Territory Electoral Commission through the course of the electoral review, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 63(4) of the Regulations.

## 2. CURRENT STRUCTURE

The Darwin City Council is currently divided into four (4) wards, with each ward being represented by three (3) Aldermen (i.e. a total of twelve (12) Aldermen).

The Lord Mayor is the principal and thirteenth elected member of Council.

Table 1 provides details of the elector representation within the current ward structure, including the number of elected members and electors per ward, and the difference in the elector ratios (i.e. the average number of electors represented by an elected member, excluding the Lord Mayor who is elected to represent the whole of the City) between the existing wards.

**Table 1: Electors per ward (as at March 2010)**

Ward	Aldermen	Electors	Ratio	% Variance
Chan	3	9,815	1:3,272	- 7.3
Lyons	3	12,793	1:4,264	+ 20.8
Richardson	3	10,468	1:3,489	- 1.2
Waters	3	9,300	1:3,100	- 12.2
Total	12	42,376		
Average			1:3,531	

Source: Legislative Assembly, March 2010 closure (Northern Territory Electoral Commission)

The data provided in Table 1 indicates a significant imbalance in elector numbers/elector ratio between the existing wards, the extreme being a 33% variation between the Chan and Waters wards.

The existing ward structure cannot be retained given the provisions of Regulation 63(3)(a) of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008 (the Regulations) which require that, if a Council area is divided into wards, the Council must consider the desirability of the number of electors for each ward being as near to equal as practicable at the next general election. Accordingly, alternative options need to be considered with the view to identifying a ward structure that provides a more equitable balance of electors over the four year period between reviews; and allows for likely fluctuations in elector numbers, primarily as a consequence of future residential development.

Alternative ward structure options have been presented later in this paper (refer 7. Ward Structure Options, page 17).

### 3. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

#### 3.1 TITLE OF OFFICE

Section 42(2)(a) of the Act specifies that the principal member of the Darwin City Council is to have the title Lord Mayor; and Section 44(1)(a) of the Act requires the Lord Mayor to be elected by the community. The Act does not contain provisions that prescribe the title to be bestowed upon elected members (except for the principal member), nor the appropriate elector ratio (which would effectively determine the number of elected members).

Darwin City Council is one of three (3) Councils in the Northern Territory that comprise Aldermen, the others being the City of Palmerston and the Alice Springs Town Council. The remaining Councils have Councillors (i.e. a generic or gender neutral title). The title of Alderman was adopted under Council policy number 016 (Elected Members - General) which states:

*“For the purpose of having a title other than “member”, all members of Council except for the member elected as Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor, shall have the title of “Alderman”.*

Whilst the title of Alderman has been widely used in the past in Local Government across Australia, only Councils in Tasmania currently retain this title for elected members. Councils in all other states, including the principal city Councils, refer to the elected members as Councillors.

By way of background information, the word “Alderman” is apparently derived from the old English title of “*Ealdorman*”, literally meaning “elder man”, and was used by the chief nobles presiding over shires. By definition, an Alderman is a member of a municipal assembly or Council in many jurisdictions founded upon English law. The term may be titular, generally denoting a high-ranking member of a Council, or denote a Council member chosen by the elected members themselves rather than by popular vote (reference Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary 2010).

The title of Alderman is gender specific and could be perceived as relating to an office of higher status (in Local Government), whereas in reality the roles and responsibilities of the office can be identical to that of a Councillor.

#### 3.2 ROLE OF COUNCIL

Further, some consideration needs to be given to the role of the elected members when determining the appropriate composition of Council. Section 11 of the Act specifies that the principal role of Council is:

- (a) to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its constituency;
- (b) to develop a strong and cohesive social life for its residents and allocate resources in a fair, socially inclusive, and sustainable way;
- (c) to provide and coordinate public facilities and services;
- (d) to encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life;

- (e) to represent the interests of its area to the wider community;
- (f) to exercise and carry out the powers and functions of local government assigned to the Council under the Act and other Acts.

Essentially, the elected members of Council assume the role of a Board. Their roles typically include:

- developing/approving the vision, purpose and values of the organisation;
- approving/developing a strategic, service and risk management plans;
- approving organisational policies;
- approving budgets and monitoring expenditure;
- ensuring legal requirements are met;
- ensuring quality of service;
- ensuring there are adequate funds and resources for the organisation; and
- ensuring the Board is functioning well.

The function of a Council (and/or Board) can be affected by:

- a temptation to micro-manage;
- a lack of elected members, given the need to lead and form the core of the committees and share in the other works of the Council; the need for sufficient members to reflect the desired diversity in Council as well as assure the range of viewpoints that spurs innovation and creativity in Council planning and decision-making;
- the lack of a functioning committee structure; and
- the lack of a strategic plan and/or vision to provide clear direction.



## 4. ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

### 4.1 ELECTOR NUMBERS

For the sake of this exercise, the total number of electors has been determined to be **42,376**. This data has been provided by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and relates to the Legislative Assembly roll, as at the March 2010 closure.

As elector numbers can change as a consequence of on-going (daily) amendments to the electoral roll, elector data will be re-examined throughout the course of the review so as to ensure the accuracy of the elector numbers within any final ward structure proposal.

### 4.2 ELECTOR RATIO

The future composition and ward structure of Council will be determined, in part, by the decisions to be made in respect to elector ratio and/or the future number of elected members. The elector ratio within the Darwin City Council, as at March 2010, was **1:3,531** (i.e. 42,376 electors divided by the twelve (12) Aldermen).

Neither the Act nor the Regulations provide any guidance as to what constitutes an appropriate level of elector representation for the Darwin City Council. As such, the elected members will need to draw upon their practical experience in dealing with their ward constituents, and take into account the structures (and elector ratios) that have been adopted by other Councils of a similar size (elector numbers) and type throughout Australia, given that there is no similar Council in the Northern Territory. The latter is not a straightforward exercise, given that no two Councils are identical in terms of their characteristics (i.e. size, population, topography, communities of interest and/or predominant land uses).

Notwithstanding this, Tables 2 - 8 present, for comparison purposes only, information pertaining to the composition, size and elector ratio of a selection of interstate Councils that are similar in size and/or character to the Darwin City Council (in terms of elector numbers).

**Table 2 – Elected Member and Elector Data**  
**Various Councils (Victoria)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
Wellington Shire	9	37,914	1:4,213
East Gippsland Shire	9	38,318	1:4,258
Bass Coast Shire	7	38,488	1:5,498
Greater Shepparton City	7	40,176	1:5,739
Cardinia Shire	7	43,821	1:6,260
Nillumbik Shire	7	45,659	1:6,523
Maribyrnong City	7	48,005	1:6,857

Source: Victorian Electoral Commission



**Table 3 – Elected Member and Elector Data  
Various Councils (Queensland)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
Tablelands Regional	8	27,402	1:3,425
Goondiwindi Regional	6	30,286	1:5,048
Gladstone Regional	8	34,632	1:4,329
Bundaberg Regional	10	60,525	1:6,053
Fraser Coast Regional	10	63,502	1:6,350
Cairns Regional Council	10	88,486	1:8,849
Townsville City Council	12	105,674	1:8,806

Source: Queensland Electoral Commission

The information provided in Tables 2 and 3 indicate that Councils in Victoria and Queensland generally exhibit higher elector ratios as a consequence of fewer elected members (Councillors).

**Table 4 – Elected Member and Elector Data  
Various Councils (New South Wales)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
Camden	9	34,689	1:3,854
Leichhardt	12	34,703	1:2,892
Clarence Valley	9	34,778	1:3,864
Woollahra Municipal	15	35,183	1:2,346
City of Kogarah	12	36,810	1:3,068
Tamworth Regional	9	38,107	1:4,234
City of Auburn	10	38,509	1:3,851
Waverley	12	38,560	1:3,213
Wagga Wagga City	11	39,463	1:3,588
North Sydney	12	39,640	1:3,303
Pittwater	9	40,698	1:4,522
Hawkesbury City	12	41,393	1:3,449
Willoughby City	12	42,274	1:3,523
Port Stephens	12	44,875	1:3,740
Maitland City	12	45,142	1:3,762
Coffs Harbour City	9	47,071	1:5,230
Canada Bay City	9	47,558	1:5,284

Source: NSW Electoral Commission

**Table 5 – Elected Member and Elector Data  
Various Councils (Western Australia)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
City of Armidale	14	35,461	1:2,533
Shire of Kalamunda	12	35,559	1:2,963
City of Bayswater	11	40,079	1:3,644
City of Mandurah	12	42,677	1:3,556
City of Canning	10	50,232	1:5,023

Source: Western Australian Electoral Commission

**Table 6 – Elected Member and Elector Data  
Various Councils (South Australia)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
City of Burnside	12	37,479	1:3,123
City of Campbelltown	10	39,039	1:3,904
City of West Torrens	14	48,091	1:3,435

Source: Electoral Commission SA

**Table 7 – Elected Member and Elector Data  
Various Councils (Tasmania)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
City of Hobart	12	36,552	1:3,046
Clarence City	12	38,237	1:3,186
Launceston City	12	45,846	1:3,821

Source: Tasmanian Electoral Commission

The information relating to Councils in New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania does not provide the definitive answer to the question of an appropriate level of representation for the Darwin City Council. Whilst all of the cited Councils exhibit levels of representation and/or elector numbers that are generally comparable to those of the Darwin City Council, there are inconsistencies between Councils within the various states.

However, it is interesting to note that several of the larger cited Councils (i.e. elector numbers), such as Coffs Harbour City Council, Canada Bay City Council and the City of Canning, exhibit fewer elected members than the Darwin City Council.

Finally, apart from the City of Hobart, comparisons with the principal Councils of the interstate capital cities provide little assistance, primarily because of the significant differences in the size (elector numbers) and composition thereof. For example, the Adelaide City Council provides two (2) levels of representation (i.e. five (5) “area” or “City-wide” Councillors and six (6) “ward” Councillors). Whilst the elector ratio for the total number of Councillors (i.e. eleven) is 1:2,005, the ratio varies significantly when calculated on a ward basis only (1:3,731).

**Table 8 – Elected Member and Elector Data  
Various Councils (Capital Cities)**

Council	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio
City of Perth	8	10,513	1:1,314
Adelaide City Council	11	22,385	1:2,035
City of Hobart	12	36,552	1:3,046
City of Sydney	9	86,787	1:9,643
City of Melbourne	8	97,857	1:12,232
Brisbane City Council	25	663,088	1:26,524

Overall, the existing elector ratio of the Darwin City Council is considered to be low. This assertion is based on the higher elector ratios exhibited by Councils of a comparable size in Victoria and Queensland; many of the larger Councils (elector numbers) across Australia; the regional Councils in Queensland that are similar in character to the Darwin City Council (e.g. Cairns and Townsville); and the larger Councils within the interstate capital cities (e.g. Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane). Accordingly, consideration should be given to alternative (fewer) numbers of elected members

The impact of a reduction in the number of elected members (Aldermen) upon the elector ratio would be as follows.

Eleven	1:3,852
Ten	1:4,238
Nine	1:4,708

Any proposals to increase the elector ratio through a reduction in the number of elected members will need to ensure that there are sufficient elected members to manage the affairs of Council; provide an appropriate level of representation to the electors and various communities; take into account member’s workloads; and present adequate lines of communication between the community and Council.

A further minor consideration is whether it would be beneficial to have an odd or even number of elected members. Whilst there is no inherent disadvantage with either option, an odd number of elected members should, under most circumstances, overcome the instance of a tied vote, and therefore the need for the casting of a deciding vote. On the down side, an odd number of elected members may require the development/implementation of a ward structure that exhibits a varying level of representation between wards.

## 5. DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

When developing an appropriate future ward structure for the Darwin City Council, consideration will have to be given to demographic trends, as allowances will have to be made to accommodate any identified or likely fluctuations in elector numbers.

Further, the provisions of Regulation 63(2) and 63(3) of the Regulations require that, when carrying out an electoral review, Council must give proper consideration to the trend of population changes in the area; and the density of population in the area; and if a Council area is divided into wards, Council must consider the desirability of keeping the demographic and geographic nature of each ward as uniform as practicable.

The following information should be of assistance in respect to this matter.

### 5.1 ELECTOR NUMBERS

Elector data for the period 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, as provided by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission, indicates that:

- elector numbers within the City increased by 1,126 (2.7%) over the specified five year period;
- elector numbers within the Chan and Waters wards decreased by 88 (0.9%) and 104 (1.1%) respectively; and
- elector numbers within the Lyons and Richardson wards increased by 1,202 (10.4%) and 116 (1.1%) respectively.

### 5.2 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Council is aware that:

- more high-rise residential flat buildings (up to 30 storeys) and general “in-fill” of residential development are expected within the city centre;
- the older residential areas of the city (e.g. Stuart Park) could be re-zoned to accommodate higher density residential development;
- the “Shell” site at Frances Bay could be redeveloped to accommodate a mix of land uses including low and/or medium-rise residential development;
- 166 allotments are to be created in the northern suburbs (“Muirhead” development) in 2011, as Stage 1 of a larger land development project that could realise an additional 800 – 1000 dwellings (approximately 2,000 – 2,500 residents);
- the existing CSIRO research farm at Berrimah is being investigated as a future residential development site (approximately 200 dwellings); and

- the future of the correctional services facility at Berrimah is being investigated, with an alternative land use option being residential development (approximately 800 dwellings), however, the site would need to be incorporated into the Darwin City Council).

The actual extent and timing of any of this future development (and resultant increase in elector numbers) is difficult to quantify.

### 5.3 POPULATION

Australian Bureau of Statistics documents suggest that:

- the resident population for the Darwin City Council has increased steadily since 2004, with estimated increases of 643 (0.9%), 1,551 (2.2%), 1,371 (1.9%), 887 (1.2%), 1,165 (1.6%) and 1,924 (2.6%) over the six year period to 2009 (Reference 3235.0 Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia 2007);
- the estimated resident population of the Darwin City Council has increased by approximately 10.5% (i.e. approximately 68,710 – 75,908) during the period 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Reference 3218.0, Regional Population Growth); and
- the population for the Darwin City Council could reach 83,000 by the year 2021, assuming high fertility, high net overseas migration and high net internal migration (Reference 3222.7 Population Projections, Northern Territory, 1999 – 2021).

The accuracy and usefulness of the population projection are considered to be questionable, given the duration of time which has elapsed since the collection of the base data, the assumptions which have been made in respect to fertility, mortality and migration rates, and the changing circumstances of the Darwin City Council.

## 6. WARD STRUCTURE

The provisions of Regulation 63 relate to the assessment of the effectiveness of constitutional arrangements for electoral representation of the Council's area. Regulation 63 (3) specifies that, if a Council area is to be divided into wards, Council must consider a number of prescribed matters. This provision infers that the Council area does not necessarily have to be divided into wards.

Accordingly, consideration needs to be given to three (3) alternatives, these being the abolition of wards; single member wards and multi-member wards. The following provides information relevant to all three alternatives, as well as examples of possible ward structures.

### 6.1 NO WARDS

The abolition of wards will result in all elected members representing the City as a whole, rather than a ward.

Arguments supporting the “no ward” alternative are:-

- it is the optimum form of democracy because the electors are afforded the opportunity to vote for all of the vacant positions on Council;
- it affords opportunities for the small suburbs/communities to be directly represented on Council, if they are able to muster sufficient support for a candidate;
- the most supported candidates from across the city will likely be elected, rather than candidates who may be favoured by the peculiarities of the ward based electoral system (e.g. elected unopposed or having attracted less votes than defeated candidates from other wards);
- elected members generally consider themselves to represent not only their ward, but the city as a whole, and it is suggested that their role and actions within the Council chamber, and the functions they perform on behalf of Council, generally reflect this attitude and circumstance;
- the elected members should be free of parochial ward attitudes;
- candidates for election to Council will require the genuine desire, ability and means to succeed and serve on Council, given the perceived difficulties and expense associated with contesting “at large” elections; and
- the lines of communication between Council and the community should be enhanced, given that members of the community should be able to consult with any and/or all members of Council, rather than perhaps feel obliged to consult with their specific ward representatives.

The primary arguments opposing the “no ward” option relate to:-

- the ability of a single interest group to gain considerable representation on Council;
- communities within the city not being guaranteed direct representation;

- concern “at large” elections do not guarantee that elected members have any empathy for, or affiliation with, all parts of, or communities within, the city;
- the task and expense of contesting “at large” elections could be prohibitive, and therefore may deter appropriate/quality candidates;
- the cost (to Council) of conducting elections and supplementary elections; and
- the difficulties that may be experienced in respect to the counting of ballot papers under the current exhaustive preferential system.

## 6.2 SINGLE MEMBER WARDS

Single member wards are generally small in area; allow the local community to elect their representative; afford the elected member the opportunity to be more accessible to his/her constituents; and enable the elected member to concentrate on issues of local importance.

However, under such a structure it is generally difficult to identify suitable ward boundaries; maintain communities of interest; and achieve an equitable distribution of electors between wards. The work load of the elected member can also be extremely demanding, and absenteeism of the elected ward member (for whatever reason and/or period) will leave the ward with no formal/elected representation as neither the Act nor the Regulations provide for a proxy member in time of absenteeism of an elected member.

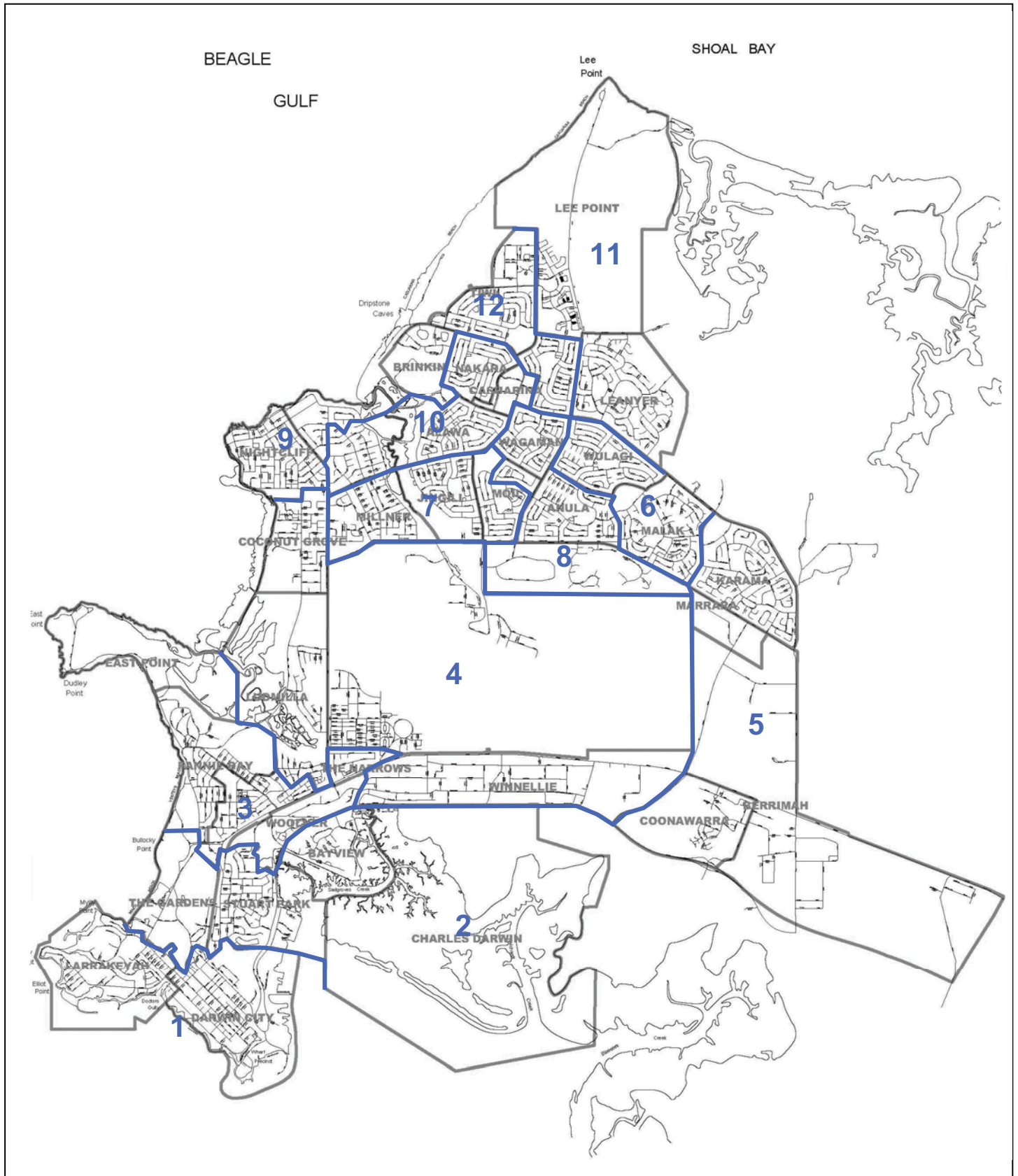
Ward structure [Option 6.2.1](#) is an example of the Darwin City Council divided into twelve (12) single-member wards. Both Table 9 and Map 1 serve to demonstrate some of the aforementioned difficulties.

**Table 9 - Elector data, Ward Structure Option 6.2.1**

Ward	Aldermen	Electors	Ratio	% Variance
Ward 1	1	3,790	1:3,790	+ 7.3
Ward 2	1	3,444	1:3,444	- 2.5
Ward 3	1	3,742	1:3,742	+ 6.8
Ward 4	1	3,473	1:3,473	- 2.6
Ward 5	1	3,773	1:3,773	+ 6.9
Ward 6	1	3,480	1:3,480	- 1.4
Ward 7	1	3,637	1:3,637	+ 3.0
Ward 8	1	3,588	1:3,588	+ 1.6
Ward 9	1	3,373	1:3,373	- 4.5
Ward 10	1	3,314	1:3,314	- 6.2
Ward 11	1	3,446	1:3,446	- 2.4
Ward 12	1	3,310	1:3,310	- 6.2
Total	12	42,370		
Average			1:3,531	



Map 1 – Twelve (12) single member wards





The provisions of Regulation 63(3) require that Council, when considering the division of the City into wards, take into account the desirability of the number of electors for each ward being as near to equal as practicable at the next general election.

Whilst Option 6.2.1 demonstrates a relatively equitable distribution of electors between the proposed wards, there is actually a 13.5% variation between the wards with the highest and lowest numbers of electors. This situation should be considered to be near the limit of tolerance, given the fundamental democratic principle of “one person, one vote, one value”.

It should also be noted that relatively small fluctuations in elector numbers, most likely as a consequence of identified future residential development opportunities (refer 5.2 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT), have the potential to significantly affect the balance of electors between proposed wards.

An additional concern is the fact that the boundaries between proposed wards 7 and 8, and 9 and 10, dissect the existing suburbs of Rapid Creek and Wagaman, thereby serving to divide perceived “communities of interest” contrary to the intent of Regulation 63(3).

### 6.3 MULTI MEMBER WARDS

Multi-member wards (i.e. wards with two or more elected members) allow for the sharing of duties and responsibilities amongst the elected members; can achieve a greater diversity in the characteristics, skill-set and opinions of the elected members; lessen the likelihood of ward parochialism; and afford continuous ward representation should a member be absent.

Such wards will obviously be larger in area and greater in elector number than a single member ward; and will increase in area as the number of elected ward representatives increases. Accordingly, a ward structure based on multi-member wards is generally relatively simple; may be perceived as providing more lines of communication between the elected ward members and their constituents; and has greater ability to maintain whole identified communities of interest within the one ward.

Varying levels of ward representation within a structure based on multi-member wards has no disadvantage provided the elector ratio within all of the wards is similar. However, such a structure can be seen to lack balance and/or equity, with the larger wards (in elector and elected member numbers) being perceived as having a greater, more influential voice on Council.

Two (2) examples are provided hereinafter of structures based on multi-member wards.

Ward structure [Option 6.3.1](#) is a variation of the current ward structure and has been developed to ensure an equitable balance of electors between wards (refer Table 10).

Over 2,200 electors within the airport precinct and the suburbs of East Point, Ludmilla, The Narrows, Charles Darwin and Winnellie had to be removed from the existing Lyons ward and, as a consequence, adjustments were made to the existing Chan and Waters wards in order to achieve an equitable distribution of electors. The existing Richardson ward is retained.

On the downside, the suburb of Lyons still remains within the existing Richardson Ward. This likely creates some confusion amongst electors and should be addressed, a course of action being to consider the renaming of the existing Lyons Ward.

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**Table 10 - Elector data, Ward Structure Option 6.3.1**

Ward	Aldermen	Electors	Ratio	% Variance
Ward 1	3	10,944	1:3,648	+ 3.3
Ward 2	3	10,554	1:3,518	- 0.4
Ward 3	3	10,467	1:3,489	- 1.2
Ward 4	3	10,405	1:3,468	- 1.8
Total	12	42,370		
Average			1:3,531	

Ward structure [Option 6.3.2](#) will accommodate a total of nine (9) or twelve (12) elected members (i.e. three (3) or four (4) elected members per proposed ward). It is very simple ward structure that proposes two (2) wards north of the airport and a single, large ward south of the airport; is particularly well balanced in terms of elector numbers (refer Table 11); and all of the proposed boundaries align with existing suburb boundaries.

**Table 11 – Elector data, Ward Structure Option 6.3.2**

Ward	Aldermen	Electors	Ratio	% Variance
Ward 1	4	13,952	1:3,488	- 1.2
Ward 2	4	14,262	1:3,566	+ 1.0
Ward 3	4	14,156	1:3,539	+ 0.2
Total	12	42,370		
Average			1:3,531	

Note: Elector ratios calculated on twelve elected members

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## 6.4 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The most important step in the development and assessment of a new, appropriate ward structure for the Darwin City Council is to gain an appreciation of the general principles with which any proposed ward structure must comply.

Regulation 63(2) stipulates that, when carrying out an electoral review, a Council must give proper consideration to the following matters.

- Community of interests in the area including economic, social and regional interests.
- Types of communication and travel in the area with special reference to disabilities arising out of remoteness or distance.
- The trend of population changes in the area.
- The density of population in the area.
- The physical features of the area.

In addition, the provisions of Regulation 63(3) require Council take into account the following when the Council area is to be divided into wards.

- The desirability of the number of electors for each ward being as near to equal as practicable at the next general election.
- The desirability of keeping the area of each ward containing rural and remote areas as small as practicable.
- The desirability of keeping the demographic and geographic nature of each ward as uniform as practicable.
- The desirability of including an identifiable community wholly within one ward if practicable.

In summary, any proposed future ward structure should exhibit wards that have equal number of electors (or an equitable elector ratio); and should take into account such matters as communities of interest; population; ward area; topography; transport opportunities; and demographic change. Neither the Act nor the Regulations places any priority upon these criteria.

As the provisions of the Regulations seek the development of a ward structure that reflects “communities of interest”, it is considered appropriate that the question of what constitutes a “community of interest” be addressed.

“Communities of interest”, for the purpose of structural reform proposals, are generally defined as aspects of the physical, economic and social systems which are central to the interactions of communities in their living environment. These can be identified by considering factors including neighbourhood communities; history and heritage communities; sporting facilities; community support services; recreation and leisure communities; retail and shopping centres; work communities; industrial and economic development clusters; and environmental and geographic interests. Further, an analysis of the demographic data and profile will provide socio-economic indicators relevant to “communities of interest”.

The above serves to highlight the complexities associated with the “community of interest” concept.

Accordingly, it is suggested that “local knowledge” will be the best tool available to assist in the determination of this issue; and the retention of entire suburbs within proposed wards will serve to maintain and protect perceived existing communities of interest.

## **6.5 WARD IDENTIFICATION**

Council has previously assigned names to identify wards. This practice is considered to be a conventional means of ward identification, and generally enables electors to readily identify, and affiliate with, the ward in which they reside. On the other hand, this can be confusing, especially in circumstances where long existing suburbs are divided between wards.

The alternative means of ward identification are limited. The allocation of letters or numbers is considered to be acceptable, but it is suggested that these methods lack imagination and fail to reflect the character and/or history of the Council area.

The same can not be said for the allocation of names of local historical significance, but experience suggests that reaching consensus over the selection of appropriate names will likely prove to be difficult.

## **6.6 WARD BOUNDARIES**

Experience suggests that the communities are more likely to accept a new and/or amended ward structure which has some logical basis, and exhibits ward boundaries which are easily identifiable. Accordingly, every effort should be made to align proposed future ward boundaries with existing, long established suburb boundaries; main roads; or prominent geographical and/or man-made features.

## 7. SUMMARY

The representation review being undertaken by the Darwin City Council must be comprehensive; open to scrutiny by, and input from, the local community; and, where possible, seek to improve elector representation. Further, Council must examine and, where necessary, identify amendments to its present composition and ward structure, with the view to achieving fair and adequate representation of the electors across the City.

According to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services, the review should be based upon the current system of exhaustive preferential voting and the current external boundaries of the City

At the culmination of this stage of the review process Council will have to make some “in principle” decisions in respect to its future composition, and the future division of the City into wards (if required).

There appear to be few options in regards to the composition of Council. The office of **Lord Mayor** is a specific requirement of Section 42(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2008, however, the Act is otherwise silent on the matters of an appropriate number of elected members; elector ratio; and/or the title of the elected members (currently “Aldermen”).

The title of **Alderman** is unique to the Darwin City Council in the Northern Territory, and elsewhere is only utilised in Tasmania. Whilst the continued use of this title for elected members would be acceptable, it is gender specific and could give the impression that the elected members of Council have a higher status than members of other Councils where the title of Councillor has been adopted. Regardless, the issue warrants attention as part of the review.

A key issue to be addressed by the review is the **future size and composition** of Council. Neither the Local Government Act 2008, nor the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008, provides any guidance in regards to this matter. Accordingly, Council must determine how many elected members are required to meet its obligations in respect to its roles and responsibilities; provide fair and adequate representation of the electors; and afford sufficient lines of communication with the community.

Information (for comparison purposes) has been provided in respect to the composition and elector ratio exhibited by other Councils across Australia which are either of a similar size and type to the Darwin City Council, or alternatively are of a similar character. Whilst the exercise provided no conclusive answer, it did identify the fact that many Councils throughout Australia are presumably operating successfully with fewer elected members, or alternatively, with much higher elector ratios (i.e. more electors represented by an elected member). This being the case, consideration should be given to a reduction in the number of elected members, taking into account the impacts thereof, including (potentially):

- financial implications;
- community access to elected members;
- the need for a diversity of opinions with the chamber;
- elected member’s workloads; and

- the need for Council to keep in touch with community needs, issues and concerns.

As to the issue of whether the City should continue to be **divided into wards**, it is suggested that a change to “no wards” will afford little benefit at this time. Whilst it provides the opportunity for each elector to vote for every member of Council, it affords less opportunity for the direct representation of existing “communities of interest” within the City than does a ward system.

Should it be determined that the Darwin City Council continue to be divided into wards, the current ward structure should not be retained, as there is a considerable imbalance in elector numbers between wards. As such, the fundamental democratic principle of “one person, one vote, one value” is violated.

The ward structure options presented herein are only examples of how the City can be divided into wards. In the main the ward structure options are relatively simple in configuration; are particularly well balanced (in regards to elector numbers); and exhibit acceptable and logical boundaries which align with existing suburb boundaries).

Finally, in respect to the issue of ward identification, changes may be required depending on future decisions regarding the division of the City into wards. Whilst further consideration will be given to this matter later in the review process, it is suggested that the allocation of names of local significance may be most appropriate means of ward identification.

Craig Rowe MPA CPP

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## 15 OFFICERS REPORTS

### 15.4 Election of Deputy Lord Mayor 1 August – 30 November 2010

Report No. 10TC0037 BD:le (13/07/10) Common No. 375173

*Report Number 10TC0037 attached.*

*At the Council Meeting held on 13 July 2010, this Item was laid on the table.*

*A procedural motion will be required to take the item off the table to consider the report.*

ENCL: YES

## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 13/07/10

### REPORT

TO: 2<sup>nd</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: LE

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED: BD

REPORT NO: 10TC0037 BD:le

COMMON NO: 375173

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR 1 AUGUST – 30 NOVEMBER 2010

ITEM NO: 15.4

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

In accordance with the provisions of the Part 4.3 of the Local Government Act 2008 and Policy No.015 (**Attachment A**), Council appoints an Alderman to be the Deputy Lord Mayor for a period of four months during the term of the Council.

This report deals with the period 1 August to 20 November 2010.

#### **GENERAL:**

Nil.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil. All costs are included within the current budget.

#### **ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

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## **Outcome**

7.1 Effective governance

## **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

## **Outcome**

7.2 Display strong and effective leadership, within Council and across Government

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The decision to appoint a Deputy Lord Mayor is made pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2008 and Council Policies.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

## **DELEGATION:**

Nil

## **CONSULTATION:**

Chief Executive Officer

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

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**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 10TC0037, entitled, Election of Deputy Lord Mayor 1 August to 30 November 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT in accordance with Part 4.3 of the Local Government Act 2008 and Council Policy No.015, Council appoints Alderman ..... to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor, for the period 1 August to 30 November 2010.

**LINDA ELMER**  
**COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Linda Elmer on 89300 670 or email: [l.elmer@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:l.elmer@darwin.nt.gov.au) .

Title: *Deputy Lord Mayor*

Policy No: *015*

Adopted By: *Council*

Next Review Date: *Refer' Policy and Procedure Framework'*

Responsibility: *Chief Executive Officer*

Document Number: *1752533*

Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History
1	20\2501	23/02/10	Adopted
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## 1 Policy Summary

This Policy covers the appointment, role and remuneration of the Deputy Lord Mayor's position.

## 2 Policy Objectives

The Local Government Act provides for the appointment of a Deputy Lord Mayor and sets forth the statutory responsibilities associated with that position. However Darwin City Council has organisational expectations for the office of Deputy as set forth in this Policy.

## 3 Background

The Council acknowledges that the Lord Mayor will, at various times, not be available to perform his/her duties and that the Deputy Lord Mayor will be required to act in the position. The Local Government Act provides for the appointment of a Deputy.

## 4 Policy Statement

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Lord Mayoral Policy.

The Council acknowledges that the Lord Mayor will, at various times, not be available to perform his/her duties and that the Deputy Lord Mayor will be required to act in the position.

The Local Government Act, by providing for the appointment of a Deputy Lord Mayor, also recognises the fact that the Lord Mayor will be absent from time to time. The Council, as a matter of policy, appoints an Alderman to be Deputy Lord Mayor and to assist with this process has developed the following policy on the role of Deputy Lord Mayor.

### **Appointment**

The Act requires this to be done at the first meeting of Council after each general election.

For the period April 15, 2008 to the declaration of the 2012 general election, the Council has determined that one of the 12 Alderman be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for a period of four months with the intention being that each Alderman be given the opportunity to act for a period of four months, during the term of the 20<sup>th</sup> Council.

### **Role**

#### **Statutory**

Part of Section 43 of the Local Government Act sets out the following role and function for the position:

*The role of the deputy principal member of a council is to carry out any of the principal member's functions when the principal member:*

- (a) delegates the functions to the deputy; or*
- (b) is absent from official duties because of illness or for some other pressing reason; or*
- (c) is on leave.*

Section 43(3) of the Act also provides that:

*If the principal member is absent from official duties on leave or for some other reason, and there is no deputy principal member or the deputy is not available to act in the principal member's position, the council may, by resolution, appoint some other member of the council to act in the principal member's position for a specified period or until the principal member resumes official duties.*

### Organisational

In addition to this statutory role, the Council has an expectation that the Deputy Lord Mayor shall:

- where appropriate be the alternate to represent the Lord Mayor.
- be available to attend to official duties when acting as Lord Mayor but it is acknowledged that such availability may be influenced by employment or business commitments.
- attend civic functions and receptions.
- liaise with the Lord Mayor to establish an appropriate mechanism for consultation, briefings and discussions on Lord Mayoral activity.

### Remuneration

Allowances will be in accordance with the Local Government Act 2008 Ministerial Guidelines (as amended from time to time).

### Expenses

- When acting as Lord Mayor or when attending a function on behalf of the Lord Mayor reimbursement of approved out of pocket expenses shall be met by the Council in accordance with Policy number 017

## **5 Legislation, terminology and references**

Section 43(2) of the Local Government Act sets forth the role of the Deputy Lord Mayor. This Section must be read in conjunction with Section 35 (Role of Elected Members) and Section 42 (Role of Mayor).

Section 45 (2)(b) requires the Council to appoint one of its Members to that office at the first meeting to be held after each general election.

The Ministerial Guidelines dealing with Elected Member Allowances make provision for the Deputy Mayor.

**16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED****16.1 Appointment of Members of the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority (DCA)**

Document No. 1839093 (29/06/10) Common No. 1839093

THAT the incoming Letter from Minister for Lands and Planning, The Hon Mr Gerry McCarthy dated 29 June 2010, in relation to Appointment of Alderman R K Elix and Alderman H D Sjoberg as Members of the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority and Alderman G A Lambert as the alternate member, Document Number 1839093, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)



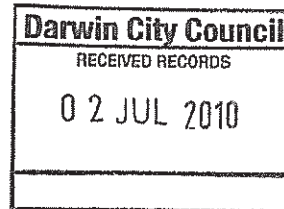


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Mr Brendan Dowd  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr Dowd

Thank you for your letter of 24 May 2010 with the Council's nominations to the Development Consent Authority.

I am pleased to inform you that, pursuant to sections 89 and 91 of the *Planning Act*, I have appointed Alderman Bob Elix and Alderman Heather Sjoberg as members of the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority and Alderman Garry Lambert as the alternate member for Mr Elix and Ms Sjoberg.

Yours sincerely

GERRY MCCARTHY

29 JUN 2010

**16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED****16.2 Development of National Policy by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) - Motion for Debate to the National General Assembly (NGA)**

Document No. 1828434 (02/07/10) Common No. 1762986

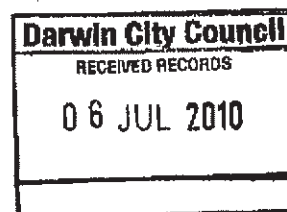
THAT the incoming Letter from Australian Local Government Association, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Adrian Beresford-Wylie, dated 2 July 2010, relating to Development of National Policy by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) - Motion for Debate to the National General Assembly (NGA), Document Number 1828434, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)



2 July 2010

Mr Brendan Dowd  
Chief Executive Officer  
Darwin City Council  
GPO Box 84,  
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Dear Mr Dowd

Thank you for participating in this year's National General Assembly (NGA) and for taking the time to submit a motion for debate. The debate on motions are an important part of the NGA which informs the development of national policy which is pursued by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of debate on your council motion and, to provide you with a copy of all resolutions from the NGA.

Your council's motion No. 3.3 was carried.

All resolutions of the NGA will be considered by the ALGA Board in late July which will determine how to take these matters forward. I will write to you again following the Board meeting to inform you on how ALGA proposes to deal with this motion.

If you are interested in any of the other resolutions of the NGA information will be regularly updated on the ALGA website.

Thank you once again for supporting the NGA. I hope your council found it beneficial to participate.

Yours Sincerely

Adrian Beresford-Wyllie

Chief Executive Officer

**16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED****16.3 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government**  
Document No. 1823052 (22/06/10) Common No. 1762986

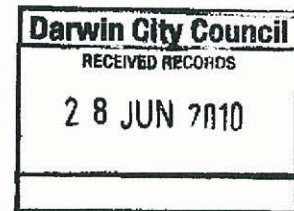
THAT the incoming Letter from Australian Local Government Association, President, Mr Geoff Lake, dated 22 June 2010, relating to the launch of several documents at the 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), entitled: (A) ALGA'S Election Document; (B) Stimulation Local Economies; (C) Women in Politics; (D) The National Local Roads and Transport Policy Agenda, Document Number 1823052, be received and noted

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)



22 June 2010

Darwin City Council  
GPO Box 84  
DARWIN NT 0801

**2010 National General Assembly of Local Government**

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) was held in Canberra last week and I would like to draw your attention to several documents launched at the NGA that may be of interest to you:

- ALGA's election document – A document setting out local government's 10 policy priorities for the coming Federal election
- Stimulating Local Economies – a profile of some successful projects funded under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program
- Women in Politics – a new publication released to mark this year as the Year of Women in Local Government
- The National Local Roads and Transport Policy Agenda – local government's roads and transport agenda for 2010 to 2020

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the issues raised on 0411 645 281 or at [geoff.lake@alga.asn.au](mailto:geoff.lake@alga.asn.au). Alternatively, you may can also contact ALGA's Chief Executive, Adrian Beresford-Wylie on 02 6122 9400 or at [adrian.beresford-wylie@alga.asn.au](mailto:adrian.beresford-wylie@alga.asn.au).

Yours sincerely

Geoff Lake  
President

**16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED****16.4 Intersection Upgrade Woolner/Illiffe Streets Darwin**

Document No. 1839109 (28/06/10) Common No. 1839109

THAT the incoming Letter from Power and Water Corporation, dated 28 June 2010, thanking Darwin City Council and staff for the traffic arrangements and works carried out at the Intersection Woolner/Illiffe Streets Darwin, Document Number 1839109, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)

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Brendan Dowd  
Chief Executive Officer  
Darwin city Council  
GPO Box 84  
Darwin 0801

Dear Brendan

**Re: Intersection Upgrade Woolner / Illiffe Streets Darwin**

On Behalf of the Power and Water Corporation I wish to thank the Darwin City Council and staff for the works carried out to the above intersection and in particular the traffic arrangements that are aimed at delivering a safer road environment.

Power and Water has previously identified this intersection as a safety risk to its employees and other road users. The major upgrade of this intersection appears to have resulted in a significant improvement in driver amenity and feedback to date is very positive.

The Corporation has an aim to deliver zero harm to its employees and customers and has an active program of continuous improvement within our current Occupational Health and Safety program. Your council's actions towards improving the above intersection are greatly appreciated and are expected to assist in delivering safety improvements.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Macrides  
**Managing Director**

28 June 2010

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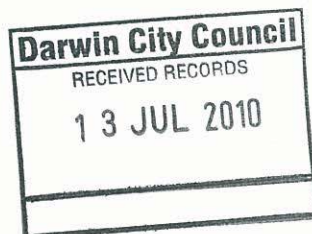


**16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED****16.5 NT Tennis - Sponsorship of the SkyCity Darwin Open (4 - 6 June 2010) and the SkyCity NT Open Championship (11- 14 June 2010)**  
Document No. 1833673 (28/06/10) Common No. 1774992

THAT the incoming Letter from NT Tennis dated 28 June 2010, relating to Sponsorship of the SkyCity Darwin Open (4 - 6 June 2010) and the SkyCity NT Open Championship (11- 14 June 2010), Document Number 1833673, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/07/10)





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28 June 2010



**Darwin Open**  
**4 – 6 June 2010**

**NT Open Championships**  
**11 – 14 June 2010**

Dear Brendan

Thank you for your sponsorship of the **SKYCITY Darwin Open** and the **SKYCITY NT Open Championships**. Please find enclosed a Sponsor Report for your review.

The tournaments ran very smoothly and once again it was pleasing to see the interstate representation that provides more competitive opportunities for our local players.

### Highlights

#### **SKYCITY Darwin Open**

- \*\* attracted 66 competitors
- \*\* 12 events on offer
- \*\* 26 interstate visitors
- \*\* local coach Ryan Palfrey – winning back-to-back SKYCITY Darwin Opens 09, 10
- \*\* print media featured in the NT News

#### **SKYCITY NT Open Championships**

- \*\* 83rd NT Open Championships – one of the longest running Territory Competitions
- \*\* Community engagement – MLC Tennis Hot Shots demonstration & challenge
- \*\* attracted 79 competitors
- \*\* 12 events on offer
- \*\* 36 interstate visitors
- \*\* local athlete Cassandra Dunser – advancing to the final
- \*\* print media featured in the NT News
- \*\* local radio coverage

I look forward to working with you in the lead up to the 2011 events.

Kind Regards



Mark Pead  
EVENTS & IT COORDINATOR

**17      REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****18      QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****19      GENERAL BUSINESS****20      DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 17 August 2010, at 5.00 p.m. (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

DECISION NO.20\()                      (27/0710)

**21      CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

DECISION NO.20\()                      (27/07/10)

**22      ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING (MEDIA LIAISON)**