



*Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council  
30 July 2007  
commencing at 10:10 am*

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**PRESENT**

**Councillors** – M P Berwick (Mayor), W J Bellerio, M J Cox, R Davis and D G Pitt.

**Staff** – J F Leu (Acting Chief Executive Officer), D G Carey (General Manager Community & Corporate), I B Barton (General Manager Finance & Administration), P J Trotman (General Manager Development & Environment), A M Rodgers (Manager Corporate Support) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support).

**APOLOGY**

An apology was received from Cr D P Egan of his inability to attend the meeting due to a prior appointment and from Cr J Sciacca due to illness.

**BUSINESS**

The Mayor, Cr Berwick, advised he had called the Special Meeting in accordance with Douglas Shire Council Local Law No 17 (Meetings), Section 7, Part 2a to discuss the outcomes from the public meeting held on 28 July 2007 and decide on any actions required to protest the decision of the Local Government Boundary Reform Commission Report.

**ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL**

The General Manager Development & Environment, Paul Trotman, withdrew from the meeting at 11:00 am and re-attended at 11:03 am.

**07/0730/01      RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REFORM COMMISSION REPORT**

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

*"That Council appoints 20/20 Group to coordinate the following:*

- 1. a community-driven organising committee for the purpose of the protest rally to be held on Sunday, 5 August, and any other community-driven response;*
- 2. to commence work on the media strategy that will be used to inform the public about the community's response to the Local Government Boundary Reform Commission Report; and*
- 3. to assist the Mayor in the preparation of the appropriate responses to the Queensland State Government."*

**Carried** unanimously

**ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL**

Cr Davis withdrew from the meeting at 11:18 am and re-attended the meeting at 11:19 am.

**07/0730/02      LOCAL INTERIM TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

*"That Council asks the General Manager's group to nominate prospective members of the Local Interim Transition Committee, and the General Manager's group be given authority to negotiate with Cairns City Council in relation to the Committee."*

For:                      Cr Berwick, Davis, Pitt, Cox

Against:              Cr Bellerio

**Carried**

**07/0730/03 SUBMISSION TO THE PREMIER REGARDING ELECTORAL DIVISIONS**

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

*"That Council sends a submission to the Hon Peter Beattie MP, Premier of Queensland, that Douglas Shire Council argues for divisions to be brought into the proposed Cairns Regional Council in order to protect the interests of Douglas Shire residents."*

**ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL**

Cr Bellerio and Davis withdrew from the meeting at 11:46 am.

Cr Bellerio re-attended the meeting at 11:47 pm.

**Carried** unanimously

**07/0730/04 ALTERNATIVE NAME FOR THE PROPOSED CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Pitt

*"That Council authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to open negotiations with Cairns City Council and the local community to seek an alternative name for the proposed Cairns Regional Council."*

**ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL**

Cr Davis re-attended the meeting at 11:56 pm.

**Carried** unanimously

**TERMINATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 11:59 am.

Presented to and confirmed by Council on the *seventh* day of August 2007.

**M P Berwick**  
**Chair**