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AMENDMENT TO DATE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2014

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council amends the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting from 2 December 2014 to 3 December 2014 to allow the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to attend a meeting with the Honourable David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The advertised date for the Ordinary Council Meeting is 2 December 2014. The Honourable David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience has requested the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend a round table discussion on *Positioning Local Government for a Strong Future* on this date, therefore it is proposed that the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting is changed to Wednesday 3 December 2014.

BACKGROUND:

At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 24 June 2014, the schedule of Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2014/15 financial year were adopted in accordance with Section 257 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

PROPOSAL:

To reschedule the meeting for the Ordinary Council Meeting from Tuesday 2 December 2014 to 3 December 2014.

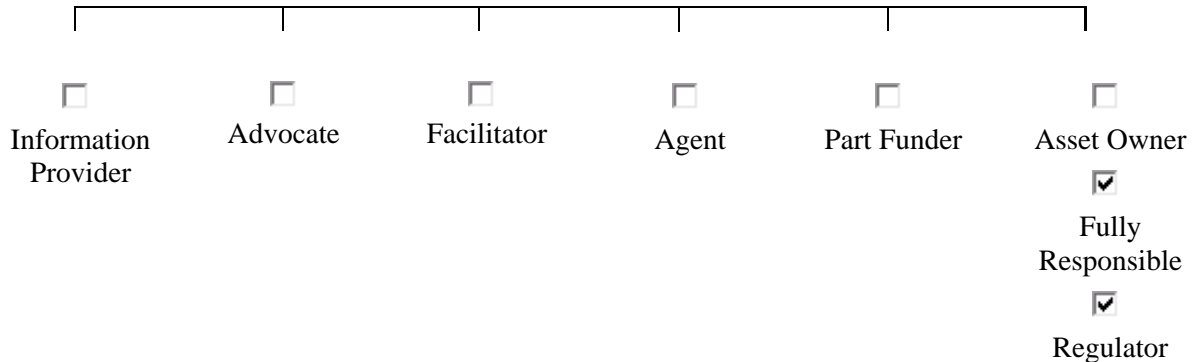
CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:

This amendment is an operational matter.

COUNCIL'S ROLE:

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:



Fully Responsible: Funding the full cost of a program or activity.

Regulator: Meeting the responsibilities associated with regulating activities through legislation or local law.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Adopting the change of meeting date will incur some minor expenditure in advertising the change of meeting date, which will be absorbed within the budgeted advertising allocation.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Change to meeting commencement time will be advertised through usual media that Council utilises to convey information to the communities. Therefore any risks associated with change of time will be mitigated.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

ECONOMIC: Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL: Nil

SOCIAL: Nil

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

This proposal will fall within the “inform” category of Council's Community Engagement Framework.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Letter of Invitation to the Mayor – 7 November 2014
- Attachment B - Agenda for Regional Round Table

ATTACHMENT A – LETTER OF INVITATION TO MAYOR



Hon David Crisafulli MP Minister for Local Government
Community, Recovery and Resilience

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7 November 2014

Councillor Julia Leu
Mayor
Douglas Shire Council
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MOSSMAN QLD 4873

Dear Councillor Leu

I would like to invite you to the next Regional Round Table which I have scheduled to occur on 1 and 2 December 2014 in Cairns.

The theme of the Round Table will be *Positioning Local Government for a Strong Future* and the agenda will focus on actions available to councils to help them take advantage of opportunities emerging through the Queensland Plan and Smart Choices to secure long-term benefits and financial sustainability for councils and their communities.

The Round Table agenda is enclosed. Note there will be an emphasis on issues close to your hearts - depreciation, roads contracts, and the challenges of integrating asset and financial management. I touched on these during my address at the recent LGAQ Annual Conference and there was certainly strong interest from many delegates.

Unfortunately, due to Parliamentary commitments, I was unable to spend more time talking with delegates to hear their thoughts on these important matters. Because of this, I thought I would provide Mayors with a forum where we can explore these issues.

I have extended this invitation to all Mayors so that councils, regardless of their location, have an opportunity to participate. I hope you will be able to attend.

Similar to the format of the previous Regional Round Table, senior representatives from relevant agencies such as the Queensland Treasury Corporation, Queensland Audit Office and the Department of Transport and Main Roads will be involved.

You will be provided with further details on the venue closer to the date.

I am confident that this Round Table will be an inclusive and interactive gathering where issues of significance close to your hearts are addressed in an open, supportive environment.

Mr Stephen Johnston, Acting Director-General, Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience has also written to Council Chief Executive Officers inviting them to this Regional Round Table.

Please find enclosed the registration form to be emailed to rachael.floyd-jones@dlgcr.qld.gov.au by Wednesday, 19 November 2014.

I look forward to seeing you in Cairns in December 2014.

If you or your staff require further information, they can contact Ms Jo Stephenson, Regional Director, Northern Region on (07) 4758 3420 or jo.stephenson@dlgcr.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Crisafulli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

David Crisafulli MP
Minister for Local Government,
Community Recovery and Resilience

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ATTACHMENT B – AGENDA FOR REGIONAL ROUND TABLE

Regional Round Table
December 2014

Agenda

Positioning Local Government for a Strong Future

Time	Title	Presenter
8:00 am	Overview and Opening Address <i>Realising the potential of the Queensland Plan and Strong Choices for Local Government- what will it take?</i>	The Honourable David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience
9:00 am	Asset Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole of Life Costs • Project Decision Framework 	Queensland Treasury Corporation
10:00 am	Morning Tea	
10:30 am	Depreciation (Showcase)	Logan City Council, Queensland Treasury Corporation, Queensland Audit Office
11:30 am	Review of the Local Government Borrowing Program	Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1.00 pm	Regional Roads <i>Positioning Local Government to compete for Department of Transport and Main Roads contracts</i>	Department Transport and Main Roads (and showcase Council)
3.00 pm	Wrap up and Close	