

COUNCIL MEETING	5.4
7 JULY 2015	

RESCHEDULE COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 28 JULY 2015 TO FRIDAY 31 JULY 2015

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolves to:

- **reschedule the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 28 July 2015 to Friday 31 July 2015; and**
- **delegate authority under the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all matters associated with this change of meeting date.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Recently the Mayor received an invitation from the Queensland Deputy Premier, the Honourable Ms Jackie Trad, to attend the 2015 Planning Summit and this event clashes with Council's Ordinary Meeting on 28 July 2015. This event was unknown at the time Council adopted its meeting schedule and to afford the Mayor the opportunity to attend this Queensland landmark event, it is recommended to reschedule the second July meeting to Friday 31 July 2015.

BACKGROUND:

At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 14 June 2015, the schedule of Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2015/16 financial year, until the quadrennial local government elections, were adopted in accordance with Section 257 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

COMMENT:

Due to the three weekly cycle of Council's Ordinary Meetings there are two meetings scheduled for July 2015, being the meeting of 7 July and 28 July 2015. Since the scheduling of these meetings, the Mayor has received an invitation from the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Ms Jackie Trad, to attend the 2015 Planning Summit – *Creating a vision for our cities, towns and communities* and this summit clashes with the 28 July 2015 meeting.

This summit will bring together leaders from various industries including government, development, planning, legal, community and environmental groups. The summit will provide the latest research and insights on future challenges and opportunities for great planning, urban design, community engagement and governance.

This summit is an important landmark event that will shape a vision for the future of Queensland and accordingly it is equally important that the Mayor is available to represent the Douglas communities.

PROPOSAL:

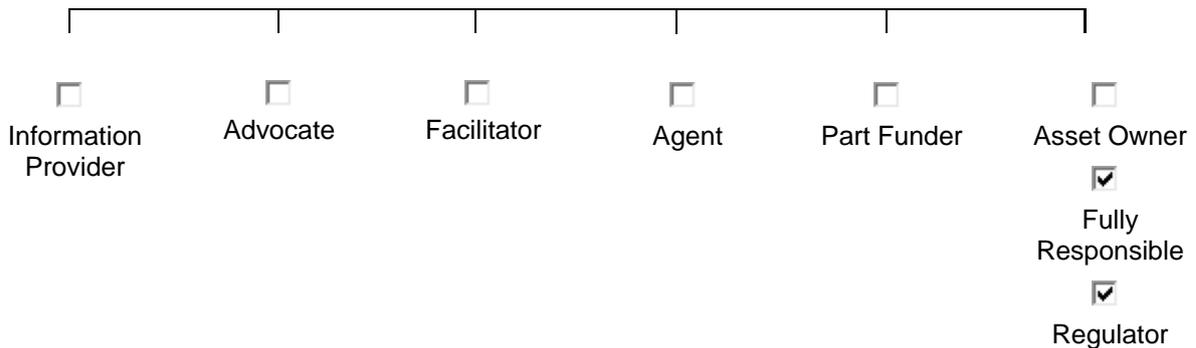
Due to the clash of dates it is proposed for Council to reschedule the Ordinary Meeting planned for Tuesday 28 July 2015 to Friday 31 July 2015.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:

The rescheduling of the meeting date is an operational matter however it will allow all Councillors be available for the Council Meeting ensuring the full input of the elected representatives into the agenda matters for consideration.

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.
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Regulator:	Meeting the responsibilities associated with regulating activities through legislation or local law.
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FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

All costs associated with the change in time of the Council Meeting and attendance at the Planning Summit 2015 will be covered within the 2015/16 operational budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Whenever possible having all Councillors available at Council Meetings enhances the reputation of Council and the elected representatives that they are actively participating in the decision making on behalf of the Douglas communities. On different occasions change of dates are required as it is not possible when forward scheduling Council Meetings to be aware of the timing of these important events, such as the Planning Summit 2015, which are being facilitated by external parties.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

This proposal will fall within the "inform" category of Council's Community Engagement Framework. This change of meeting date will be advertised through Council's usual means including the Port Douglas Mossman Gazette as per section 277 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.