



**Edward
River**
COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 3 September 2020
Time: 9.00am
**Location: RFS Building, Macknight Drive,
Deniliquin**

BUSINESS PAPER

Extraordinary Council Meeting

3 September 2020

**Phil Stone
General Manager**

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LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Edward River Council wishes to advise members of the public that Council Meetings will be recorded and will be available after each meeting on Council's website www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au.

All care will be taken to maintain the privacy of those in attendance, however As a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining In the public gallery, it is assumed your consent is given in the event your image is broadcast. This includes any filming by television cameras if attendance is approved by the General Manager or Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa people. I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to past Aboriginal Elders, the present Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reside within this area, and their future generations.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I have come here as a Councillor freely and without bias to:

- Represent the views of the community in considering the matters before us today
- To vote in a matter I consider to be in the best interest of the community
- To observe the Code of Conduct and respect the rule of the chair and views of my fellow Councillors.

1 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**7.1 DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR 2021-2024 TERM OF OFFICE**

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RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 224(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, determine the number of Councillors for the 2021-2024 term of office to be nine, one of whom is the Mayor.

BACKGROUND

Section 224 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") requires Council to determine the number of Councillors for the following term of office not less than 12 months before the next ordinary election. The Act provides that Council must have at least five and not more than 15 Councillors.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The next Local Government elections are scheduled to be held 04 September 2021. As such, Council must determine the number of Councillors for the 2021-2024 term of office by 04 September 2020.

Since its proclamation on 12 May 2016, Council's governing body has comprised nine Councillors, one of whom is the Mayor. It is recommended that the current number of Councillors be retained for the 2021-2024 term of office.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5.3.3.23 Coordinate activities and events for the delivery of the NSW Local Government Elections.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 224(3) of the Act requires Council to undertake a constitutional referendum if it proposes to change the number of Councillors for the following term of office. As Council is not being recommended to vary the number of Councillors for the 2021-2024 term of office, these costs have not been assessed or included in Council's 2020-2021 Operational Plan and Budget.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council is required under the Act to determine the number of Councillors for the 2021-2024 term of office and it is recommended that the current number of Councillors be retained.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLOSE OF MEETING