



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

3 July 2025

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON THURSDAY 3 JULY 2025**

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**ON THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2025
COMMENCING AT 6:15 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Christopher Hanna
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins – via audio-visual link
Councillor Narelle Davis
Councillor Nick Elliott
Councillor Tanya Higgins
Councillor John Rooney
Councillor Reuben Rose
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers
Councillor Luke Williamson

APOLOGIES:

Nil

Staff:

Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Simon Rennie, Chief Financial Officer
John Gargett, Acting Chief Infrastructure & Projects Officer
Tony Murray, Chief Community Services Officer
Angela Sommerville, Chief People & Organisational Performance Officer
Jennie Hall, EA to Chief Officers

1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6:15 PM

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

245/25

That Councillor Hopkins attend via audio-visual due to travel commitments.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

5.1 MR DUNSHEA

Mr Dunshea declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 – Unreasonable Complainant Conduct restrictions as he has a conflict of interest in this item due to “being named as the first Defendant in the legal action referenced in this motion”. Mr Dunshea left the meeting at 6:17pm . Mr Dunshea did not take part in discussion on this item.

5.2 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS

Councillor Higgins declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.1 – Unreasonable Complainant Conduct as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to “the person referred to in the paper was on her original team in the 2021 Local Government elections”. Councillor Higgins considers the perceived conflict to be non-pecuniary and very insignificant.

5.3 COUNCILLOR SUMMERS

Councillor Summers declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 – Unreasonable Complainant Conduct as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to “prior association with the named individual, including being on a group ticket in local elections”. Councillor Summers considers the interest insignificant, non-pecuniary and to no effect on her objectiveness or decision making.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 UNREASONABLE COMPLAINANT CONDUCT RESTRICTIONS

Record No: I25/461

Councillor Luke Williamson has given notice that at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 03 July 2025, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

246/25

That Council:

- A. Determine that it is in the best interest of the Council and the community to remove the current Unreasonable Complainant Conduct (UCC) restriction applied to the individual who is the applicant in current Supreme Court proceedings against the Council concerning the UCC policy.
- B. Establish a committee of Council to oversee the future application of UCC restrictions.
- C. Receive a confidential quarterly report from the CEO detailing the status of all active UCC restrictions.

Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Councillor Rose

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:26pm



CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 3 July 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 17 July 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.