

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SUBMISSIONS & FINANCIAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 9 APRIL 2018 COMMENCING AT 9.11AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr. T D Golder chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor J L Chambers, Cr. N H Chandler, Cr. P J Flynn, Cr. G B McMullen, Cr. W M Newman, Cr. C J O'Neil, Cr D J Scheffe, Cr. J M Stanford, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano and Minutes Officer – Kelly Rogers in attendance for the commencement of the meeting.

AS REQUIRED

Director Infrastructure Services – Cameron Castles, Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Program & Contract Management – Cameron Hoffmann, Manager Maintenance Delivery & Works – Stephen Scott, Team Coordinators – Maintenance Delivery & Works as follows:

- North / Central John Mundy
- South / East Luke Podham
- West Darren Kay

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.11am.

GUEST / PRESENTATION

Gavin O'Donovan, Director Strategic Finance, AEC Group Pty Ltd was invited to provide preliminary observations about the new valuations particularly for Primary Production / Rural land (including feedlots) and options for rating in 2018/19 given the significant valuation increases (via teleconference).

BUSINESS

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolved to close the meeting to discuss items it has deemed to be of a confidential nature and specifically pertaining to the following sections:-

- (c) the local government budget;

Resolution No. BUD/04.2018/01

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council close the meeting to the public at 9.12am.

CARRIED

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Cr Flynn was absent for a short period (approximately an hour), leaving the meeting circa 10.35am.

A short recess was held for lunch at approximately 1.10 pm.

Cr Flynn left the meeting at approximately 3.15 pm and did not return prior to the meeting being opened to the public.

Resolution No. BUD/04.2018/02

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council open the meeting to the public at 4.00pm.

CARRIED

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Item Number:

C.1

File Number: D18/30576

SUBJECT HEADING:

**ROAD NETWORK POLICY, SERVICE LEVELS AND
BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

Officer's Title:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

Since commencement of the new term of Council, there have been a number of road issues raised with and by Councillors. Council is keen to review these from a policy perspective. This would also allow consideration in conjunction with the new Asset Management Plans adopted on 13 December 2017.

Council set aside the morning of 9 April 2018 to workshop areas where Council may like to consider changes to the Road Network Policy and Service Levels to identify potential inputs to the draft budget.

Resolution No. BUD/04.2018/03

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr McMullen

That as an input into Council's further discussions on Road Network Policy, Service Levels and Budget Considerations:

1. Information be gathered on low volume roads where they service only one property owner and do not comprise a 'through road' that could service other properties.
2. Review the roads that are currently listed in the following categories and others that may be in similar situations:
 - a. Minor
 - b. Rural Access – Secondary
3. A possible information package be developed on potential options to facilitate and simplify the process for private works on low volume roads.
4. A review of options be undertaken for the use of currently inactive pits where proposed use is < 5,000 tonnes/per annum or private pits.
5. Council consider the re-introduction of medium formation grading as a specific budgeted service type.
6. Council consider refining the policy to reflect different soil types and Council's approach to the management of each.
7. A possible private investment option be drafted where the standard requested is greater than what Council can achieve with the limited funding available.
8. A preliminary analysis be undertaken of whether a dry weather option could be achieved in limited circumstances.

9. Figures be collated on how much is spent on gravel haulage – e.g. across a financial year where practical.

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager Program & Contract Management • Manager Maintenance Delivery & Works • Director Infrastructure Services
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Item Number:

C.3

File Number: D18/30583

SUBJECT HEADING:

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ABOUT RATING

Title:

Chief Executive Officer
Mayor & Councillors

Executive Summary:

Following the introductory overview by the AEC Group representative, the opportunity will be provided for the Mayor and Councillors to discuss what work they would like to be undertaken or additional information provided.

Resolution No. BUD/04.2018/04

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Newman

That the following modelling be undertaken:

Scenario 1(a) Without Banding for Rural

General rates - increase rates in \$ and minimum general rates by 1.89% with the following exceptions:

- Residential A minimum increase by \$25
- Commercial/industrial minimum rate left unchanged and rate in \$ set to achieve 2% overall reduction in revenue
- Amendments to rates in \$ for work camps and refineries given large valuation changes
- Rural rate in \$ modelling a 5% overall increase in revenue

Scenario 1(b) With Banding & Capping for Rural, Review of Small Rural

General rates - increase rates in \$ and minimum general rates by 1.89% with the following exceptions:

- Residential A minimum increase by \$25
- Commercial/industrial minimum rate left unchanged and rate in \$ set to achieve 2% overall reduction in revenue
- Amendments to rates in \$ for work camps and refineries given large valuation changes
- Explore banding (modelling a 5% overall increase in revenue) for Rural
- Look at Small Rural to see whether it needs to be separated from rural residential.

Scenario 2 Various Changes

- Residential A-D - set the rate in the \$ to achieve half the valuation reductions from the 2017/18 valuations and apply a rate cap of 0%
- Rural Residential – no change in the rate in \$ or minimum, capped at 0%
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- Commercial/industrial - rate in the \$ the same as for 2016/17 and apply a rate cap of 0%
- Establish a caravan park category with a rate in the \$ equal to 50% of the commercial/industrial rate
- Refinery, petroleum leases, other gas and oil, extractive and work camps – rate in the \$ the same as for 2016/17 with no capping

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer	Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services
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There were other items that had initially been tabled for discussion at the meeting, however there was insufficient time to discuss them prior to Councillors needing to leave the meeting to attend a community meeting.

The following items were held over for discussion at a later meeting:

- C.3 – Additional preliminary discussion about rating – including potential benchmarking of Council’s general rates and charges.
- C.4 – Draft Revenue Policy 2018/19

It was also noted that the draft Local Community Plans had not yet been circulated so these would need to be tabled and considered by Councillors at a future meeting.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.06pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at Council’s Meeting on 24 April 2018.

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 Date.