

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 19 JANUARY 2026 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 10:30 AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr W M Taylor chaired the meeting (by Microsoft Teams), with Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil (by Microsoft Teams), Cr M K Brumpton (by Microsoft Teams), Cr A K Davis (by Microsoft Teams), Cr P J Flynn, Cr J M Hancock (by Microsoft Teams), Cr B R Seawright (by Microsoft Teams), Cr J R Vincent, Chief Executive Officer – Robert Hayward and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects – Cameron Hoffmann, Director Corporate Services – Brett Exelby.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 10.37am noting that Cr Birkett would possibly be a late arrival for the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Resolution No. SM/01.2026/01	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr O'Neil
That apologies be received and leave of absence granted for Cr. Birkett for this meeting.	
CARRIED	8/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	3.1
Description	Regulated Air Services Community Consultation
Declaring Councillor	Cr Peter Flynn
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	I have had previous dealings with the organisation of REX in a partnership with Maranoa Regional Council and REX for Residential and SME (Small and Medium Enterprises) fares.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision.

Resolution No. SM/01.2026/02	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Hancock
That it is in the public interest that Councillor Flynn participates and votes on agenda item 3.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.	
CARRIED	7/0

BUSINESS

Item Number: 3.1 **File Number:** D26/4104

SUBJECT HEADING: **REGULATED AIR SERVICES | COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Officer's Title: **Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects**

Executive Summary:

Air services are critical for the Maranoa region, supporting access to health services, education, government services, business activity and social connection. Council has previously undertaken community consultation which has highlighted community concern on matters including service capacity, affordability and scheduling.

The Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads, is undertaking a statewide consultation process on regulated regional air services, including the regulated air service operating into Roma. This consultation will inform the development of the next regulated air services contract, with current contracts due to expire in December 2026.

This report provided Council with an overview of the consultation process, relevant background information, and options for Council's participation in the State Government's review.

Resolution No. SM/01.2026/03**Moved Cr O'Neil****Seconded Cr Brumpton****That Council:**

- 1. Notes the Department of Transport and Main Roads' consultation process in relation to regulated regional air services, including the additional community consultation session scheduled in Roma on 18 February 2026.**
- 2. Acknowledges the Government's response to Council's advocacy by expanding community consultation opportunities to help inform the next regulated air services contract.**
- 3. Undertake a short, targeted community survey to supplement the community consultation previously undertaken in August 2024, with the survey outcomes to inform the preparation of a formal Council submission to the Department of Transport and Main Roads.**
- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to develop and release the survey, with the draft survey questions to be circulated to Councillors for input prior to dissemination.**

CARRIED**8/0****Responsible Officer****Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects**

As Cr Birkett was not present for the item of business considered an apology was recorded for his absence. (Refer to the 'Apologies' section of these meeting minutes).

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.46am.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 29 January 2026, at Roma Administration Centre.