



City of
LAUNCESTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2020
1.00pm**

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The Special Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Reception Room, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 22 October 2020

Time: 1.00pm

Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

To comply with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas):

1. A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless -
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing -
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

Certification

I certify that:

- (i) the advice of a qualified person has been sought where required;
- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- (iii) a copy of the advice, or a written transcript or summary of advice provided orally, is included with the minutes item.



Michael Stretton
Chief Executive Officer

LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

At the City of Launceston, the positions of General Manager Community and Place, General Manager Organisational Services, General Manager Infrastructure and Assets and General Manager Creative Arts and Cultural Services do not assume the functions and powers of the term *general manager* in a legislative sense: any legislative functions and powers to be delegated to these roles will be made by Council or the Chief Executive Officer. At the City of Launceston, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas). For the avoidance of doubt, *Chief Executive Officer* means *General Manager* for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

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Present: **Councillor** **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**
 D C Gibson (Deputy Mayor)
 J Finlay
 D H McKenzie
 R I Soward
 J G Cox
 K P Stojansek (retired from Meeting at 1.36pm)
 A E Dawkins
 N D Daking
 P S Spencer
 A G Harris
 T G Walker

In Attendance: **Mr M Stretton (Chief Executive Officer)**
 Ms L Foster (Organisational Services Network)
 Mr S Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)
 Mr S Tennant (Team Leader Communications)
 Mrs K Hartland (Team Leader Governance)
 Mrs A Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm.

2 COMMENCEMENT TIME OF MEETING

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 6(1) - A meeting is not to start before 5.00pm unless otherwise determined by absolute majority or by the council committee by simple majority.

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, pursuant to regulation 6(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, determines that this Special Meeting is to be held on Thursday, 22 October 2020 at 1.00pm.

DECISION: 22 October 2020

MOTION

Moved Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 - section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

No Declarations of Interest were identified as part of these Minutes

4 CLOSED COUNCIL

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council moves into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

4.1 Launceston CBD Bus Interchange

Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states that a part of a meeting may be closed to the public to discuss:

- (f) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

DECISION: 22 October 2020**MOTION**

Moved Councillor R I Soward, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That Council moves into Closed Session.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor K P Stojansek, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

Council moved into Closed Session at 1.01pm.

Councillor K P Stojansek retired from the Meeting at 1.36pm.

Council returned to Open Session at 1.36pm.

4.2 End of Closed Session**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 34(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, resolves to report in Open Session that it has considered the following matters in Closed Session:

Minutes Item	Matter	Brief Description
<i>4.1</i>	<i>Launceston CBD Bus Interchange</i>	<i>Councillors discussed the Launceston CBD Bus Interchange proposal.</i>

DECISION: 22 October 2020**MOTION**

Moved Councillor R I Soward, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor J Finlay, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor N D Daking, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor R I Soward, Councillor P S Spencer, Councillor J G Cox, Councillor A G Harris and Councillor T G Walker

5 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Councillor A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 1.37pm.
