



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025  
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 agenda item.



**Sam Johnson OAM**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER**

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.

## **ABANDONMENT OF MEETING**

At 1.05pm this meeting was abandoned with seven Councillors in attendance as it was identified by the Mayor that he was required to declare a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 4.1 Local Government Association of Tasmania - 2025 General Management Committee Election. The declaration of a pecuniary interest by the Mayor would require him to leave the room, meaning a quorum would no longer be present.

The following Councillors were present at the time of abandonment:

Mayor Councillor M K Garwood  
Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie  
Councillor A E Dawkins  
Councillor J J Pentridge  
Councillor A J Palmer  
Councillor S Cai  
Councillor A J Britton

Council's consideration of Item 4.1 Local Government Association of Tasmania - 2025 General Management Committee Election was time sensitive. The meeting was not rescheduled due to Councillor unavailability prior to the relevant deadline.