



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**A SPECIAL MEETING of LISMORE CITY COUNCIL will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Oliver Avenue, GOONELLABAH on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998, at 6.00pm and members of Council are requested to attend.**

**(Ken Gainger)**  
GENERAL MANAGER

**September 8, 1998**

COUNCIL BUSINESS AGENDA

September 15, 1998

**PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION:**

**PAGE NO.**

**OPENING OF MEETING AND PRAYER (MAYOR):**

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- 1 Method of Election - Mayor/Deputy Mayor
- 2 Election of Mayor
- 3 Election of Deputy Mayor

## 1 **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

The method of election is to be found in Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1993. Relevant extracts of this schedule are detailed below:-

### **Returning Officer**

- 1 The general manager (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.

### **Nomination**

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  - 1) *A councillor may be nominated without notice for election as mayor or deputy mayor.*
  - 2) *The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.*
  - 3) *The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer.*
  - 4) *The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the council meeting at which the election is to be held.*

### **Election**

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  - 1) *If only one councillor is nominated, that councillor is elected.*
  - 2) *If more than one councillor is nominated, the council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.*
  - 3) *The election is to be held at the council meeting at which the council resolves the method of voting.*
  - 4) *In this clause:*  
*“ballot” has its normal meaning of secret ballot;*  
*“open voting” means voting by a show of hands or similar means.*

In 1995, 1996 and 1997 Council determined that the election for Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be by open voting.

### **Recommendation:**

That the election for Mayor and Deputy Mayor be by open voting.

## 2 **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

- 1) Policy 1.2.10  
Prior to any election, each candidate for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will give a short presentation outlining her/his reasons for standing, how s/he would operate as Mayor/deputy Mayor, what time commitment will be given and the skills s/he would have to offer; and each will answer questions from the floor on their candidacy.
- 2) Election

## 3 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

- 1) Policy No. 1.2.10 (Same as election for Mayor)
- 2) Election