



MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

13 May 2025

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 125 QUEEN STREET,
WAIMATE ON TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025, COMMENCING AT AT 9:30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Craig Rowley, Cr Sharyn Cain (via Microsoft teams), Cr John Begg, Cr Peter Collins, Cr Sandy McAlwee, Cr Tom O'Connor, Cr Colin Pankhurst, Cr Lisa Small, Cr Rick Stevens

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Duncan (Chief Executive), Rachel Holley-Dellow (Human Resources Manager), Michelle Jones (Executive Support Manager), Dan Mitchell (Asset Group Manager), Riddhish Parekh (Communications Officer), Gareth Oudemans (Acting Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager/Compliance Officer), Tina Stevenson (Corporate Services Group Manager), Melissa Thomson (Accountant),
Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

OPENING

1 MEETING OPENING

The Chair will open the meeting and welcome members, and advised the meeting was being recorded.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum offered at this Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 VISITORS

Nil

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair called for Conflicts of Interests. There were no Conflicts of Interest identified.

6 IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no Identification of Major (Urgent) or Minor Items not on the Agenda offered at this Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

REPORTS

7 GENERAL REPORTS

7.1 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The draft Local Water Done Well Consultation Document was presented to Council for adoption and public consultation. The Local Water Done Well Consultation Document was circulated to members as a Late (Urgent) Agenda and posted on Council's website at 2:00pm on 9 May 2025, and an addendum providing an updated rural price path was circulated to members on 12 May 2025.

The Asset Group Manager led Council through the supporting data behind the Consultation Document and answered questions.

Council discussed the importance of rural water users retaining a voice over water use and also for local operational control.

Council noted that if a stand-alone model is adopted as Council's preferred option, there could still be efficiencies around shared services, or even joining a Combined Council Operation (CCO) at a later date, noting any savings of the three council model could be many years away.

Council noted following feedback from community and Council's final decision on Water Services Plan, the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) still have the final say.

Council agreed on the below two changes to the Consultation Document:

- Page 9 – to add wording explaining 'for a multi CCO the debt level available is 500% borrowed debt'
- Page 37, Point 3 - which factors are most important – to remove 'cultural input' and change wording to reflect 'rural water expertise'.

Council noted the assumptions provided are complex and the best that could be done in the time allowed with the information currently available, and also that data from the three councils that has been shared around water assets may not be accurate, and that it needs to be made clear to the community as part of conversations at the community meetings.

Council thanked staff for producing the consultation document in such short space of time for such a complex topic.

RESOLUTION 2025/52

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr John Begg

1. That the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document report is accepted; and
2. That Council adopts the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document for public consultation with the below two amendments;
 - Page 9: To add wording around 'for a multi CCO the debt level available is 500% borrowed debt'; and
 - Page 37, Point 3: Factors most important – to remove 'cultural input' and replace with wording similar to 'rural water expertise', and
3. That, if necessary, the Chief Executive be authorised to make any minor and non-material corrections to the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document before the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document is publicly notified.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Cr Rick Stevens

Attachments

1 Local Water Done Well Addendum

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.25am.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Council Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON