



# **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

Business Paper

Extraordinary Meeting

**14 September 2017**





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**11 September 2017**

**COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

An Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Nyngan on Thursday 14 September 2017 at 2.00pm.

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Apologies
4. Declarations of Interest
5. General Manager's Report

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*Cathy Ellison*  
**Executive Assistant**



## REPORT TO THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### Mayor and Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:-

### 1 ALBERT PRIEST PIPELINE GRANT

#### 1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to confirm Council's position with regard to a grant application for partial funding of the construction of the proposed Albert Priest Channel pipeline.

#### 1.2 Background

Council considered a late item of correspondence at its last meeting in regard to this matter and resolved as follows:-

**266/2017 RESOLVED** that Council confirm it has not taken a decision to support the piping of the APC, and will not do so until such time Council receives the results of the community consultation and financial review currently being undertaken which is to be completed by March 2018. **(Ryan/Jackson) Unanimous**

Considering that this matter was dealt with as a late item at Council's last meeting, with Councillors having limited time and information to consider the issues involved, and given the significant sums of grant funding involved, the Mayor and General Manager felt it appropriate to convene an Extraordinary Council Meeting to confirm Council's position. Confirmation of Council's position on whether to support / make a grant funding application is required before the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, with 21 September 2017 being the deadline for applications.

#### 1.3 Discussion

Since the last meeting of Council, representatives of the Department of Premier and Cabinet have held discussions with the Mayor and the General Manager regarding Council's position on this matter.

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These representatives have again pointed out that an opportunity exists to apply for significant Commonwealth funding for the proposed pipeline however the grant application must be made by 21 September 2017.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet has provided the following comments:-

*"The NSW Government has previously identified \$50M of project funding under the Regional Water Infrastructure Fund announced in March 2015, however this is still to be confirmed with NSW Treasury as several funding programs have been modified.*

*A funding application to Round 1 of the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF) – Capital Component (\$192M available nationally). The application was for \$37,604,000 was submitted by NSW DPI Water in March 2017, but was unsuccessful due to the construction timeframe not meeting the requirements of the fund. The original construction timeframe from the Business Case was September 2022. Under section 3.5 of the NWIDF Guidelines, projects can be funded provided construction within six months of funding being agreed. For projects close to construction or undergoing final studies and approvals, successful funding offers would be subject to provisional agreement and subject to conditions and timeframes imposed by the Commonwealth.*

*The Commonwealth granted \$850,000 from the NWIDF to complete feasibility and pre-construction activities for Stages 1c and 2. This grant is being administered by DPI Water and project managed under a pass-through funding deed (June 2017) to Bogan Shire Council who have implemented a project governance structure as project owner, with NSW Public Works as Project Manager.*

*The current timeline is for a Phase 1 feasibility study (stakeholder engagement) by March 2018, and Phase 2 study engineering, environmental and geotechnical studies completed by March 2019.*

*Opportunity exists to revise and resubmit an application to round 2 of the NWIDF. Significant competition is occurring nationally for remaining funds. However to successfully receive funding and meet the Commonwealth Guidelines, the project pre-construction activities will require completion by August 2018 (applications assessed and agreements in February 2018). Applications are non-binding until a funding agreement is signed as a schedule to the NSW/Commonwealth agreement under the National Partnership Agreement on National Water Infrastructure Development Fund – Capital Component."*





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One option may be for Council to support a Commonwealth funding application for Stage 1c, the 3000 ML off-river storage.

Council's position has been that it cannot support or, indeed, make such a grant application before the outcome of community consultation and the financial review of the pipeline business case have been completed as this would be seen to be pre-empting these processes.

**1.4 Recommendation**

For Council's Consideration

**Derek Francis  
General Manager**

