

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BATHURST REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

8 July 2021

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

**Notice of Extraordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council –
Thursday 15 July 2021**

I have to advise that an Extraordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 15 July 2021 commencing at 4:00 PM.



D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

**BUSINESS AGENDA
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON Thursday 15 July 2021**

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1 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

2 MEETING COMMENCES

MINUTE

Meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

Present: Cr I North, Cr B Bourke, Cr A Christian, Cr J Fry, Cr G Hanger, Cr J Jennings, Cr M Morse, Cr W Aubin, Cr J Rudge

3 PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES

MINUTE

MOVED: Cr J Fry SECONDED: Cr A Christian

RESOLVED:

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interest

MINUTE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: ORD2021-231

MOVED: Cr B Bourke SECONDED: Cr A Christian

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

Cr B Bourke declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest in item 6.1 of The Notice of Motion.

Cr J Rudge declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest in item 6.1 of The Notice of Motion.

6 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

6.1 COUNCILLOR JENNINGS, RUDGE & FRY - RESIGNATION OF MAYOR

File No: 11.00004

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council no longer has confidence in Mr Bobby Bourke as a sitting Councillor and calls for Mr Bourke to resign effective immediately until the investigation is resolved.
- b) This Council ensures that any Councillor conflicts of interest (perceived or actual) must be declared, and if found to exist are then acted upon by absenting themselves from Council business as per Council's Code of Conduct until the NSW Police investigation is resolved.

REPORT:

Councillors Jennings, Rudge and Fry have submitted the follow Notice of Motion in relation to the ongoing NSW Police investigation into the alleged origins of the blackmail letter as reported on ABC 7.30 Report.

That Council no longer has confidence in Mr Bobby Bourke as a sitting Councillor and calls for Mr Bourke to resign effective immediately until the investigation is resolved.

And

This Council ensures that any Councillor conflicts of interest (perceived or actual) must be declared, and if found to exist are then acted upon by absenting themselves from Council business as per Council's Code of Conduct until the NSW Police investigation is resolved.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Cr Bourke declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest and remained in the room.

Cr Rudge declared a non-pecuniary non-significant interest and remained in the room.

MINUTE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: ORD2021-232

MOVED: Cr J Rudge SECONDED: Cr J Jennings

RESOLVED:

- a) That Council no longer has confidence in Mr Bobby Bourke as a sitting Councillor and calls for Mr Bourke to resign effective immediately until the investigation is resolved.

- b) This Council ensures that any Councillor conflicts of interest (perceived or actual) must be declared, and if found to exist are then acted upon by absenting themselves from Council business as per Council's Code of Conduct until the NSW Police investigation is resolved.

The MOTION was PUT and LOST

7 MEETING CLOSE

MINUTE

The Meeting closed at 4.28pm.

CHAIR:

**Extraordinary Meeting of Council - 15 July 2021
Attachments**

**6.1 COUNCILLOR JENNINGS, RUDGE & FRY - RESIGNATION OF
MAYOR2**

6.1.1 3295 001.....2

David Sherley
General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

Monday 5th July 2021

As Bathurst Regional Councillors we (undersigned) request an urgent Extraordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council to be held as a matter of priority **before** the impending Mayoral election to deal with the following motion. Failure to address this motion adequately prior to the mayoral election will likely result in significantly bringing Council into disrepute.

In light of the on-going NSW Police investigation into the alleged origins of the blackmail letter as reported on ABC 7.30 Report:

- 1) This Council no longer has confidence in Mr Bobby Bourke as a sitting Councillor and calls for Mr Bourke to resign effective immediately until the investigation is resolved.

and

- 2) This Council ensures that any councillor conflicts of interest (perceived or actual) must be declared, and if found to exist are then acted upon by absenting themselves from Council business as per Council's *Code of Conduct* until the NSW Police investigation is resolved.

Signed:

CR JESS JENNINGS



CR JACQUI RUDGE



CR JOHN FRY



Received
5 July 2021.
