

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Item No: 8.6
Title: Notice of Motion - Davistown Wetlands Acquisition
Department: Councillor



13 August 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Councillor Marquart has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 13 August 2018 he will move the following motion:

That Council request the CEO;

- 1 Advise (at the following Ordinary Council meeting) what actions Council has undertaken to exercise the function and intent of the Davistown Wetlands Acquisition fund and policy since the original establishment of the Central Coast Council.***
- 2 Considering the \$1,436,049.00 held by Council is directly for the purpose of acquisition, that Council (or its suitably qualified agent) should enter into negotiations with the vendor of their Davistown Wetland parcels to pour have the land in whole or in part to the extent the funds make possible and that these negotiations commence at the earliest opportunity and be concluded within 3 months.***
- 3 That at the conclusion of negotiations, a brief report be presented to Council detailing the actual outcome of the negotiations process and a plan to execute the acquisition be presented to Councillors for consideration.***

Councillors Note

Davistown Wetlands parcels are held in private ownership and in late 2017 these parcels were offered for sale causing an extreme level of community concern.

The former Gosford City Council established both a policy to acquire these wetland parcels and a direct mechanism to fund this purchase, in the form of an acquisition fund. Numerous Federal and State Government grants are available to maintain and improve the wetlands in question which would facilitate inter connectivity with the local community. The wetlands need to be in public ownership to obtain such grants.

Central Coast Council has recently confirmed that the sum of \$1,436,049.00 is currently held in the mentioned fund to specifically facilitate the purchase of wetlands in Davistown, fully funded by the sale of Council owned residential land at Davistown.

Attachments

Nil.