

**GOSFORD – WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY
INTERNAL MEMO**

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20 December 2006

Mayor L Maher Chairperson

Gosford

Cr J Macfadyen
Cr R Bell
Cr M Brooks(Alternate)

Wyong

Cr B Graham
Cr N Rose
Cr K Forster
Cr R Stevens (Alternate)

Mr P Wilson
Mr R Williams

Mr K Yates
Mr D Cathers

Ms P McCann

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Ms J Saunders

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD 20 DECEMBER, 2006 AT GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL

Please find attached:-

- Minutes of the Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting held December 20th, 2006 at Gosford City Council.

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on **January 17th 2007** (Wednesday) at Wyong Shire Council. The room location will be advised with the Agenda.

K Yates

Secretary

Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority

**MINUTES OF THE GOSFORD – WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AT GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2006 COMMENCING AT 8:30 am**

Present:

Mayor L Maher* Chairperson

Gosford

Cr J Macfadyen*
Cr M Brooks (Alternate)*

Wyong

Cr B Graham*
Cr N Rose*
Cr K Forster*
Cr R Stevens (Alternate)*

Ms Colleen Worthy –
Jennings (Acting GM)*
Mr R Williams*

Mr D Cathers (Acting GM)*

Mr G Alford
Mr S Martin

Mr K Grantham

Ms J Saunders

Mrs L McDermott
Ms H Cambourn

* Board Members with Voting Rights at this meeting.

Authority Staff

Mr G Casement
Mrs K Bushnell
Mr B Fullagar

1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

Cr R Bell
Ms Pam McCann
Mr Peter Wilson
Mr Kerry Yates

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

David Cathers declared in relation to Tillegra Catchment that land within the proposed site that he owns is not subject to inundation or acquisition and as such, Mr Cathers considers this to be an insignificant conflict of interest.

The Board concurred.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr B Graham
116/06: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Cr M Brooks
1. That the Minutes of the Board meeting held
November 15th, 2006 be confirmed with the
following amendment:

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Chairperson

2. That a change be made to the Minutes of November 15th 2006, in relation to Pecuniary Interest/ Conflict of Interest such that the last sentence be amended to read: "The property is not subject to inundation or acquisition and Mr David Cathers considered it an insignificant conflict of interest".

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 *Further Investigations into Solar Power Desalination*

Mr Williams provided a brief update in relation to his investigations into solar desalination technology.

5 TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) REPORT

5.1 *Regular Information Report – Drought Status Report - Annexure A*

Moved: Cr B Graham
117/06: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Mr R Williams

1. That the Board note the Information and recommend to the two Councils that:
2. The Board re-evaluate the need and timing of future temporary desalination capacity at its January 2007 meeting.

5.2 *Groundwater Contingency Progress Report - Annexure B*

Moved: Cr B Graham
118/06: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Mr R Williams

1. That the Board note the information

5.3 *Hunter Connection Contingency Progress Report - Annexure C*

Moved: Cr N Rose
119/06: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Cr M Brooks

1. That the Board note the information
2. That the Board convey congratulations to the staff in recognition of the work necessary to complete the project on schedule.

5.4 *Temporary Desalination Contingency Progress Report - Annexure D*

Moved: Mr D Cathers
120/06: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Cr B Graham

1. That the Board note the information
2. The action taken by staff to progress the investigation of all temporary desalination plant options be endorsed.

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Chairperson

5.5 Vales Point and Munmorah Power Station - Annexure E

Moved: Cr N Rose

121/06: RESOLVED:

Seconded: Cr J Macfadyen

1. That the Board note the information.
- 2a. The Councils reaffirm their previous position that all costs associated with the implementation of the permanent reverse osmosis plant for reuse purposes at the plant, be met by Delta Electricity
- 2b. The reasons for this affirmation being that; the Councils have already met all the costs associated with the introduction of the contingency plans for the Coast and it is a requirement of all major consumers to introduce water management plans at their own cost

5.6 Water Festival Outcomes - Annexure F

Moved: Cr B Graham

122/06: RESOLVED:

Seconded: Cr M Brooks

1. That the Board note the information.
2. That the Board continue to support the Central Coast Water Festival in 2007

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Request for Information and Reports

Moved: Cr L Maher

123/06: RESOLVED:

Seconded: Cr B Graham

1. That the Board consider future requests for additional work in view of the current workload and that staff be requested to fully inform the Board of the impact of further requests.

7 NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on **January 17th 2007** (Wednesday) at Wyong Shire Council. The room location will be advised with the Agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:55 am.