
WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE
GOSFORD WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY
HELD AT GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2008,
COMMENCING AT 8.48 AM

PRESENT:

CR J MACFADYEN*

CHAIRPERSON

GOSFORD

CR R BELL*

MR P WILSON*

MR R WILLIAMS*

WYONG

CR W WELHAM* (ARRIVED 9:07 AM)

CR R STEWART*

CR N ROSE*

MR K YATES*

MR D CATHERS*

GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL STAFF

MRS P MCCANN

MS K GILLETT

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF

MR K GRANTHAM

MRS L MCDERMOTT

MRS H SCHWARTZ

MS M WHEELAHAN

MR B PEACOCKE

MS FAYE HARGRAVES

* *BOARD MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS AT THIS MEETING.*

AUTHORITY STAFF

MR G CASEMENT

MR B BAKER

APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES FOR THE INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEETING WERE RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF COUNCILLORS MAHER, BROOKS AND STEVENS.

001A/08 *RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Bell and seconded by Mr Cathers:*

That the apology be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

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WA001 Disclosures of Interest

F2006/02282

001/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Rose and seconded by Mr Williams:

That the report and the fact that no disclosure was made be noted.

WA002 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

F2004/06808

002/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Williams and seconded by Mr Cathers:

That the minutes of the previous Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting held on 21 November 2007 be received and confirmed.

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

WA003 Water Restrictions

F2004/06808

COUNCILLOR WELHAM ARRIVED AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING BEING 9.07 AM.

003/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Williams and seconded by Councillor Bell:

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two Councils the following:

- 1 *That Level 3 water restrictions (as detailed in Attachment 3 and as amended below) be introduced effective from 30 March 2008.***
- 2 *That Level 2a water restrictions continue to apply to the use of internally connected rainwater tanks.***
- 3 *That Level 3 water restrictions be amended to include the following: all road vehicles (including cars, trucks, caravans and cars in car yards) and boats may be washed with a bucket or a hose provided it is fitted with a trigger nozzle.***

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- 4 *That Level 3 water restrictions be amended to remove the prohibition on use of town water on public beach showers both internal and external, fish tables and boat ramp taps.*

WA004 Capital Improvement Works

F2004/06808

- 004/08 *RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Cathers and seconded by Councillor Rose:*

- 1 *That the Board note the information provided in this report.*
- 2 *That the Board recommend both Councils approve the following updated project budgets:*

PROJECT	BUDGET <i>(Including GST and all preconstruction, construction and project management items)</i>
<i>Mardi High Lift Pump Station</i>	<i>\$13.75M</i>
<i>Mardi Dam Raising and Ancillary Works</i>	<i>\$1.25M</i>
<i>Mardi Dam Transfer System</i>	<i>\$20.5M</i>
<i>Mardi High Voltage Ring Main</i>	<i>\$2.6M</i>
<i>High Voltage Power Supply Upgrade</i>	<i>\$4.5M</i>
<i>Lower Wyong Transfer System</i>	<i>\$8.3M</i>

PROJECT	BUDGET <i>(Preconstruction only. Including GST)</i>
<i>North Gosford Trunk Main Extension</i>	<i>\$0.25M</i>
<i>North Gosford to Springfield Rising Main and Pumping Station</i>	<i>\$0.17M</i>
<i>Mooney Mooney Transfer System</i>	<i>\$0.45M</i>

- 3 *That the Board recommend to both Councils not to proceed with the raising of Mardi Dam at this stage but still carry out the widening of the spillway and the construction of an access bridge across the spillway.*

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WA005 Progress Report: Mardi to Mangrove Link Project

F2004/06808

005/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Welham and seconded by Councillor Bell:

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two Councils the following:

- 1 *That, because of the environmental impacts, risks and costs associated with the tunnel option, this option be eliminated from further consideration.***
- 2 *That the pipeline options be further investigated with a view to identifying an optimal pipeline route utilising both public and private land taking into consideration cost and timing issues, potential environmental effects and impacts on land owners, residents and the travelling public.***
- 3 *That a special board meeting be held to consider a further report on the pipeline route and an invitation be extended to a representative from the Valley.***
- 4 *That hydro-electric generation be generally excluded from further consideration in the overall design, however, any opportunities for micro-hydro electric generation be investigated and included where appropriate.***

WA006 Progress Report on Contingency Projects

F2004/06808

006/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Rose and seconded by Mr Williams:

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two Councils the following:

Not to proceed with the construction of a contingency bypass pipeline to enable filling of Mardi Dam from the Gosford system (see report I: Extracting Water from Mangrove Creek Dam).

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WA007 Review of REFIT Kit Program

F2004/06808

**007/08 RESOLVED on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Councillor Stewart:**

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two Councils:

***That Council staff investigate the opportunities for collaborative promotion of
alternative free 'refit' services (Option 1).***

WA008 Water Festival Outcomes

F2004/06808

**008/08 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Welham and seconded by
Councillor Stewart:**

1 *That the report be received and the information noted.*

**2 *That a budget of \$70,000 be allocated towards a range of water saving events
and that a report be brought back on available options.***

WA009 Regular Information Reports

F2004/06808

**009/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

WA010 Summary Report on Demand Reduction Activities

F2004/06808

**010/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

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WA011 Update on Gosford City Council's Water Quality 2010 Program

F2004/06808

**011/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

**WA012 Guidelines for Considering Recycled Water Projects as Joint Works
under the Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority Agreement**

F2004/06808

**012/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

WA013 Vales Point and Munmorah Power Stations Effluent Reuse

F2004/06808

**013/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

WA014 Communications Update

F2004/06808

**014/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

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WA015 Budget and Financial Summary

F2004/06808

**015/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by
Mr Cathers:**

That the report be received and the information noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

GB001 Somersby Action Group

F2004/06808

**016/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the MOTION of Councillor Welham and
SECONDED by Mr Wilson:**

***That the Joint Water Authority place a submission before the panel, convened by the
Minister of Planning, stating its opposition to the proposed Somersby fields sand
quarry, especially highlighting the impact on the water catchment of the Central Coast.***

GB002 Acknowledgement to David Cathers

F2004/06808

**017/08 RESOLVED unanimously on the MOTION of Councillor Welham and
SECONDED by Councillor Macfadyen:**

***That a vote of thanks be extended to David Cathers for his outstanding efforts and
contribution towards overall management and success of the water supply scheme.***

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.38 AM.