



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 17 October 2023

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street
Deniliquin**

**Philip Stone
Chief Executive Officer**

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**13.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A PUBLIC POST OFFICE BANK IN AUSTRALIA**

Author: Cr Shirlee Burge

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION**NOTICE OF MOTION**

I, Cr Shirlee Burge, hereby give notice of the following motion to be resolved by Edward River Council:

MOTION:

That Council write a letter of support for the campaign for a public post office bank in Australia to the Federal Member for Farrer and the Australian Citizens Party

BACKGROUND

I have received information from the Australian Citizens Party regarding a campaign for a public post office bank in Australia.

The basic concept is detailed below:

The Australian Citizens Party is part of a nationwide campaign to establish a new government bank, like the original Commonwealth Bank, to operate in post offices, which would guarantee face-to-face financial services for all communities, and force the Big Four banks to compete on both cost and service.

The post office bank would also:

- Guarantee deposits, because it is a government bank.
- Maintain cash payments and processing, which the private banks are trying to do away with.
- Increase lending to individuals and small businesses in regional communities.
- Invest in more infrastructure, including through local government.

This policy is different to the existing banking service in post offices, Bank@Post, because it is a dedicated postal bank that will increase competition, whereas Bank@Post is an agency service for the existing banks which can be withdrawn at any time.

Dated this eighth day of September 2023

Signed by Cr Shirlee Burge

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil



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Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

RESOLUTION 2023/1710/13.1**NOTICE OF MOTION**

I, Cr Shirlee Burge, hereby give notice of the following motion to be resolved by Edward River Council:

MOTION:

That Council write a letter of support for the campaign for a public post office bank in Australia to the Federal Member for Farrer and the Australian Citizens Party. This is necessary as the major trading banks are moving to electronic banking and the commitment to traditional banking facilities is necessary to support the elderly in our regional community as this transgresses.

CARRIED

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**14.1. QUESTION WITH NOTICE - DEPUTY MAYOR CR PAUL FELLOWS**

Will Edward River Council consider leasing a portion of their etc.

To be taken to the next Councillor briefing. Council has a ground water licence, but it has severe restrictions around it's usage.

14.2. QUESTION WITH NOTICE - CR PAT FOGARTY

At its September 2023 Ordinary Meeting, Council received a report recommending the adoption of a revised *Code of Conduct and Procedure for the Administration of the Code of Conduct*.

During the discussion on this Agenda item, Cr Pat Fogarty asked for further information about the definition of "other business" in clause 5.23: "The Chief Executive Officer must not engage, for remuneration, in private employment, contract work or other business outside the service of Council without the prior approval of Council, made as a resolution of Council".

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Council's revised Code of Conduct has been drafted based on the NSW Office of Local Government's (OLG's) updated Model Code of Conduct.

Council has sought guidance from the OLG regarding a definition for "other business" in clause 5.23 of the Code.

OLG has provided the following advice:

"The relevant provision of the Model Code of Conduct (clause 5.23) is based on section 353(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Where section 353(1) requires the general manager to obtain the council's approval for secondary employment and contract work, clause 5.23 of the Model Code of Conduct extends the requirement for council approval to "other business" that is remunerated (ie business that does not arise from an employment or contractual relationship)."