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The Extraordinary Meeting Commenced at: 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr B Crouch (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors, K Disting, M Disting, D Field, F Geldof, I Strutt, K Ward, L Cooper, General Manager (Mr D Connor), Minute Clerk (Mrs D Williams).

OPENING & WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

APOLOGIES - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

1. Denni McKenzie – FFTF, against merger.
2. Brian Leslie – FFTF, against merger.
3. Richard Croft – FFTF, against merger.

PURPOSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is for Council to confirm its position with regard to its agreed merger partner to then be submitted to the Department of Premier and Cabinet prior to the 18th of November deadline.

Department: General Managers Office

Submitted by: General Manager

Reference: X16/11.01

Subject: Fit for the Future (FFTF) program – Uralla Shire Council final submission

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Uralla Shire Council:

1. Confirms its preferred merger partner as Walcha Council and provides this position to the NSW Government via completion of the appropriate section of the Department of Premier and Cabinets web portal before the 18th of November deadline;
2. Informs the NSW Government that it vehemently opposes any forced merger with either Armidale or Guyra Councils; and
3. Calls upon the State Member for the Northern Tablelands and the State Member for Tamworth to support our Councils position.

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Motion to Move to Committee (M Dusting/B Crouch)

Councillors held a discussion on the above item.

Motion to Resume Standing Orders (B Crouch/M Dusting)

MOVED (K Ward/D Field)

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

That the Uralla Shire Council:

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- 2. Informs the NSW Government that it vehemently opposes any forced merger with either Armidale or Guyra Councils; and**
- 3. Calls upon the State Member for the Northern Tablelands and the State Member for Tamworth to support our Councils position.**

The motion was put to a vote and lost 6/3.

Councillors K Ward, L Cooper, D Field requested that the minutes show that they were in favour of the motion.

Foreshadowed Motion (B Crouch/M Dusting)

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

That the Uralla Shire Council:

- 1. Adopt a stand-alone position**
- 2. Informs the NSW Government that it vehemently opposes any forced merger with either Armidale or Guyra Councils; and**
- 3. Calls upon the State Member for the Northern Tablelands to support our Council's position.**

The motion was put to a vote and was carried 6/3.

Councillors K Ward, L Cooper, D Field requested that the minutes show that they were against the motion.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Meeting Closed at 8:29pm