

AGENDA

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the **BOARD OF NAMOI JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS TRADING AS NAMOI UNLIMITED** will be held on **TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020** commencing at 12noon to 1pm in the Council Chambers at Tamworth Regional Council and via video conference.

PLEASE NOTE: A member workshop will be held after the meeting from 10am to 11.30am and a separate agenda will be provided to members.

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Rebel Thomson
Executive Officer
29 September 2020

BUSINESS PAPER

1. WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND/OR PRAYER

Councillor Col Murray, Mayor Tamworth Regional Council will welcome members to Tamworth for the meeting.

MEMBERS		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Cr Jamie Chaffey	Gunnedah Shire Council	✓	
Cr John Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council	✓	
Mayor	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	✓	
Cr Col Murray	Tamworth Regional Council	✓	
Cr Eric Noakes	Walcha Council	✓	
Darren Keegan	NSW Government	✓	
NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES			
Eric Groth	Gunnedah Shire Council	✓	
Max Eastcott	Gwydir Shire Council	✓	
Joanne Sangster	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	✓	
Paul Bennett	Tamworth Regional Council	✓	
Anne Modderno	Walcha Council	✓	
Rebel Thomson	Namoi Unlimited	✓	
BY INVITATION			
Jodie Healy	NSW Office of Local Government	✓	

2. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Author	Executive Officer
Policy	Code of Meeting Practice
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	-
Attachments	-

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: THAT, applications for a leave of absence and apologies for the 6 October 2020 meeting are accepted.

AMENDED/ENDORSED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REJECTED/CARRIED

PURPOSE: -

BACKGROUND: -

COMMENTARY: Applications for a leave of absence for this meeting, have been received from:

- XXXX

Apologies for this meeting have been received from:

- XXXX
-

3. PUBLIC FORUM AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

Nil requested at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ATTACHMENT A

Author Executive Officer

Policy Code of Meeting Practice

Legal -

Financial -

Strategic Link -

Attachments ATTACHMENT A – Minutes of the previous Board Meeting

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: THAT, the minutes of the Board meeting held Monday 31 August 2020 are endorsed.

AMENDED/ENDORSED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REJECTED/CARRIED

PURPOSE: -

BACKGROUND: -

COMMENTARY: -

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the BOARD OF NAMOI JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS TRADING AS NAMOI UNLIMITED held MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2020 from 10am to 11am in the Council Chambers at Liverpool Plains Shire Council and via video conference.

1. WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND/OR PRAYER

Cr Chaffey the Chairperson of Namoi Unlimited welcomed members and acknowledged that this would be the last meeting for Cr Andrew Hope, Mayor Liverpool Plains Shire Council ahead of his retirement from Local Government at the end of September 2020. Cr Hope has been an active member of the organisation and a former Chairperson during the formative years of the organisation, and his contribution will be missed.

Cr Andrew Hope, Mayor Liverpool Plains Shire Council thanked Cr Chaffey and members, and then welcomed members to Quirindi for the meeting in the Liverpool Plains Shire Council. Cr Hope acknowledged that the members were meeting on the lands of the Kamilaroi people, and paid respect to the Elders past, present and future.

MEMBERS		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Cr Jamie Chaffey	Gunnedah Shire Council	✓	
Cr John Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council	✓	
Cr Andrew Hope	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	✓	
Cr Col Murray	Tamworth Regional Council	✓	
Cr Eric Noakes	Walcha Council	✓	
Darren Keegan	NSW Government	✓	
NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES			
Eric Groth	Gunnedah Shire Council		✓
Max Eastcott	Gwydir Shire Council		✓
Joanne Sangster	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	✓	
Paul Bennett	Tamworth Regional Council	✓	
Anne Moddero	Walcha Council	✓	
Rebel Thomson	Namoi Unlimited	✓	
BY INVITATION			
Jodie Healy	NSW Office of Local Government	✓	

2. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: THAT, applications for a leave of absence and apologies for the 31 August 2020 meeting are accepted.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Walcha Council

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY: Apologies for this meeting have been received from:

- Eric Groth, Gunnedah Shire Council
- Max Eastcott, Gwydir Shire Council

3. PUBLIC FORUM AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: THAT, the minutes of the Board meeting held Tuesday 7 July 2020 are endorsed.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Gwydir Shire Council

SECONDED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

6. CHAIRPERSON MINUTES

6.1 Notice of Motion – Local Government Conference

MOTION: That, the template to make a motion for the Local Government NSW conference in November is submitted to Seek advocacy from LG NSW for;

- A membership contribution to Joint Organisations of Councils from the NSW Government;
- The NSW Office of Local Government provide a strategy, including a program of activity and subsequent reporting to;
- Negotiate dedicated allocations within NSW Government programs for Joint Organisations.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Gunnedah Shire Council

SECONDED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY: Liverpool Plains Shire Council asked members to talk to their metropolitan sister cities, to garner support for the motion at conference.
Gwydir Shire Council suggested that the NSW Joint Organisation group should consider making a similar motion to demonstrate support.

7. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

8. NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil

9. STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES

9.1 Namoi Supply Chain Project – RLE Project

MOTION: That, progress is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Tamworth Regional Council

SECONDED: Walcha Council

CARRIED

9.2 Namoi Supply Chain Project – Partnership with Future Foods CRC

MOTION: That, progress is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Gwydir Shire Council

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY: Further to the report a meeting was held on Friday with Acting Director Darren Keegan and Deputy Director Pam Welsh regarding the request for funding from the NSW Government for the project.

It was confirmed that the next steps will be the development of a business case template and work on the business case has commenced.

Darren Keegan reported that no program funding source had been identified as yet, and that the Councils needed to deliver a strong business case.

The Chair thanked Darren Keegan for his work to date and the commitment to further investigations noting that every Council in this Joint Organisation is committed to the project.

9.3 VendorPanel Implementation

MOTION: That the report is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Tamworth Regional Council

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY: JOLT has requested regular updates on buyer and supplier engagement for this project. Engagement with buyers and suppliers is the next part of this project.

Liverpool Plains Shire Council offered to become an Ambassador for this project in the future as it's so important to business development in the region.

Tamworth Regional Council asked the executive officer to liaise with Water NSW and to discuss their local and regional business engagement strategies for the building of the new Dungowan Dam.

All Council Economic Development Officers and their procurement representatives should be providing support for this project.

9.4 Financial Sustainability Report

MOTION: That the report is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Tamworth Regional Council

SECONDED: Gwydir Shire Council

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY: Tamworth Regional Council suggested that a project fee be negotiated with Regional NSW for the Namoi Supply Chain Project.
Gwydir Shire Council suggested that VendorPanel should be the corner stone of the financial sustainability.

10. ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP

10.1 ADVOCACY – Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs

MOTION: That the submissions submitted 23 August 2020 are NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Tamworth Regional Council

CARRIED

10.2 Additional Briefing Papers – Namoi Supply Chain Project

MOTION: THAT, the Board agrees that the highest project priority for the Executive Officer and the Joint Organisation is the Namoi Supply Chain Project.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Tamworth Regional Council

SECONDED: Walcha Council

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY: Tamworth Regional Council noted the significance of the opportunity to work with the Future Foods CRC, and that JOLT has spoken about the need to shift focus to take advantage of priorities, the Namoi Supply Chain project was one of those opportunities and that the allocation of time to this project should reflect that priority.
The Mayors and General Managers should also acknowledge and respond in the same way, noting that this is the project that can deliver the maximum benefit to the economies and communities of the Namoi.
Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Gwydir Shire Council asked JOLT to consider the impacts on other projects and provide a report.

MOTION: THAT, to consider additional items not presented in this report the Board should enter into Committee of the Whole.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Tamworth Regional Council

SECONDED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

CARRIED

MOTION: THAT, the meeting returns to standing business.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Walcha Council

CARRIED

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

11.1 Action List

MOTION: THAT, the progress against actions identified is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Walcha Council

CARRIED

11.2 Calendar of Planned Activities

MOTION: THAT the calendar of activities is noted.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Gwydir Shire Council

SECONDED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

CARRIED

12. ADDITIONAL REPORTS PERTAINING TO THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

12.1 Correspondence

MOTION: THAT, correspondence from

- The Hon John Barilaro to The Hon Barnaby Joyce
- The Hon Mark Coulton, and
- The Hon Keith Pitt

is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Walcha Council

SECONDED: Tamworth Regional Council

CARRIED

12.2 Statement of Revenues

MOTION: THAT, the amended Statement of Revenues is endorsed.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

SECONDED: Tamworth Regional Council

CARRIED

12.3 2019-2020 DRAFT End of Year Financial Statements

MOTION: THAT, the draft financial reports for the 2019-2020 are referred to the Auditors for review.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Walcha Council

SECONDED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

CARRIED

13. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

13.1 NSW Joint Organisations Chair's Meeting

MOTION: THAT, this report is NOTED.

ENDORSED

MOVED: Gunnedah Shire Council

SECONDED: Liverpool Plains Shire Council

CARRIED

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

15. CLOSED REPORTS

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Meeting closed at 11.15am.

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5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and specifically Section 451 of the Local Government Act, 1993 declarations of interest are required by Councillors and designated staff attending the meeting.

MEMBER	ITEM	REPORT	Type of Interest Declared (P, SNP, LSNP, RC)	REASON
STAFF	ITEM	REPORT	Type of Interest Declared (P, SNP, LSNP, RC)	REASON
P – Pecuniary, SNP – Significant Non Pecuniary, LSNP – Less than Significant Non Pecuniary, RC – Remain in Chamber during consideration/discussion of item.				

6. CHAIRPERSON MINUTES

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

7. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

9. STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES

9.1 Namoi Industry and Economic Super-Cluster Project

Author	Executive Officer/JOLT
Policy	-
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	Water for the Future, Connected Transport Infrastructure and Engaged people and skills
Attachments	-

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:	That, members agree; I. That the draft Business Case for this project is endorsed; and II. That the Executive Officer seeks a funding variation from the NSW Office of Local Government to allocated \$60,000 of its capacity building funding to this project.
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AMENDED/ENDORSED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REJECTED/CARRIED

PURPOSE:	To provide members with progress on the Namoi Industry and Economic Supply Chain Project.
BACKGROUND:	Namoi Unlimited has been in discussions with Regional NSW about the future of the Namoi Industry and Economic Supply Chain Project. Discussions have also been held between with a potential partner in the Future Foods CRC to assist the members with the development of this project.
COMMENTARY:	A business case for a request for funding of up to \$2 million from the NSW Government has been completed and has been provided to some project partners in its draft form. A financial contribution to the project from the Joint Organisation is desirable, and an allocation from the OLG Capacity Building funding of \$60,000 is to be allocated. This allocation is currently aligned to the development of a (1) communications campaign around water and (2) the potential for shared services across the new RMCC contract with Transport for NSW.

10. ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP

10.1 Additional Briefing Papers – ATTACHMENT B

Author	Executive Officer
Policy	Advocacy and Leadership
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	Advocacy and Leadership
Attachments	ATTACHMENT B
RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:	THAT, positions of advocacy are developed and submitted for XXXX.
AMENDED/ENDORSED	
MOVED:	
SECONDED:	
REJECTED/CARRIED	
PURPOSE:	To provide an opportunity for the members to develop additional proposals for advocacy and leadership to be developed.
BACKGROUND:	(to be developed as part of ATTACHMENT B)
COMMENTARY:	-

SUBJECT: BRIEFING FROM NAMOI UNLIMITED

RECOMMENDATION

That ...

- Proposed actions

KEY ISSUES

- Urgency

CONSULTATION

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

11.1 Action List – ATTACHMENT C

Author	Executive Officer/JOLT
Policy	-
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Organisational Growth and Governance
Attachments	ATTACHMENT C
RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:	THAT, the progress against actions identified is NOTED.
AMENDED/ENDORSED	
MOVED:	
SECONDED:	
REJECTED/CARRIED	
PURPOSE:	To provide members with a record of Actions determined at previous JOLT and at the Board meetings, and progress towards achieving any outstanding actions from the previous meeting.
BACKGROUND:	-
COMMENTARY:	-

ATTACHMENT C - Action List

Completed
 Underway
 Overdue
 Not yet commenced

Date	Strategic Regional Priority	Resolution	Action	Status
03/12/2019 BOARD		Gwydir Shire Council sought a report from the Executive Officer to table a benchmark activity report of Namoi Unlimited activity and value to other Joint Organisations through the publishing of their Annual Performance Reports.	EO has emailed the EOs group and sought to have this included on their agenda.	
31/08/2020 BOARD	Advocacy and Leadership	That, the template to make a motion for the Local Government NSW conference in November is submitted to Seek advocacy from LG NSW for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A membership contribution to Joint Organisations of Councils from the NSW Government; • The NSW Office of Local Government provide a strategy, including a program of activity and subsequent reporting to negotiate dedicated allocations within NSW Government programs for Joint Organisations. 	Refer to Agenda Item 11.3	
JOLT	Engaged People and Skills	Regional Workforce Strategy	Proposed for consideration Q3 2020-2021 financial year.	
18/05/2020 JOLT	Organisational Growth and Governance	Bio-diversity Project Officer business case Proposal to develop a shared service under the proposed new framework for Internal Audit and Risk.	Preliminary assessment has been completed, the draft proposal is referred to member Councils for feedback and commitment. This service was deferred until advice is received from OLG on the possible roll out of this function.	

11.2 Calendar of Planned Activities – ATTACHMENT D

Author	Executive Officer/JOLT
Policy	-
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Organisational Growth and Governance
Attachments	ATTACHMENT D

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: THAT the calendar of activities is noted.

AMENDED/ENDORSED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REJECTED/CARRIED

PURPOSE: To provide members with the opportunity to have visibility over the calendar of activities that the Executive Officer represents members.

BACKGROUND: Providing to members an outline of activities planned by the Joint Organisation.

COMMENTARY: -

ATTACHMENT D – Joint Organisation Planned Activity

Oct	6	Board Meeting	Tamworth
	8	Gwydir Shire Council – Contaminated Lands Workshop	Gwydir/VC
		Contaminated Land Working Group	Tamworth/VC
	13	Namoi Water Alliance	Tamworth/VC
		Procurement Working Group	Tamworth/VC
	15-16	NSW Network Contaminated Lands Meetings	Orange/VC
	19	JOLT	Tamworth
	22	Increasing Resilience to Climate Change – Section 60 Workshop with NSW Health	Tamworth/VC
	26	Namoi Roads and Transport Network Group	Tamworth/VC
Nov	4	Namoi Water Alliance	Tamworth/VC
	5	Meeting Deputy Premier regarding the Namoi Economic and Industry Super-Cluster Project	Sydney/VC
	10	Board Meeting	Gwydir/VC

11.3 Notice of Motion – Local Government Conference

Author	Executive Officer
Policy	-
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	Water for the Future, Connected Transport Infrastructure and Engaged people and skills
Attachments	-

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: That, the report is NOTED.

AMENDED/ENDORSED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REJECTED/CARRIED

PURPOSE: To provide an update to an Action Item from members to submit a motion for the Annual Conference resolved at the September meeting.

BACKGROUND: At the September meeting, members resolved to submit a motion to the Local Government NSW conference to;

- I. Seek advocacy from LG NSW for;
 - A membership contribution to Joint Organisations of Councils from the NSW Government;
 - The NSW Office of Local Government provide a strategy, including a program of activity and subsequent reporting to;
- II. Negotiate dedicated allocations within NSW Government programs for Joint Organisations.

COMMENTARY: Financial sustainability for Joint Organisations is an ongoing challenge.

Any motions for the Annual Conference for Local Government NSW must be submitted by midnight Monday 28 September 2020, and are only able to be submitted by members of LGNSW. Namoi Unlimited is not a member of LGNSW, and therefore the motion can not be submitted for conference.

12. ADDITIONAL REPORTS PERTAINING TO THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

12.1 Correspondence – ATTACHMENT E

Author	Executive Officer
Policy	-
Legal	-
Financial	-
Strategic Link	STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: Organisational Growth and Governance
Attachments	ATTACHMENT E

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:	THAT, correspondence from <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Kaia Hodge, Executive Director Regional Water Strategies to Emma Bradbury, CEO Murray Darling Association;ii. The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing; andiii. The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Member for New England. is NOTED.
AMENDED/ENDORSED	
MOVED:	
SECONDED:	
REJECTED/CARRIED	

PURPOSE:	To provide the Board with copies of correspondence regarding various matters received by Namoi Unlimited.
BACKGROUND:	-
COMMENTARY:	-



Our ref: BN20/3524

Ms Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer
Murray Darling Association
Email: admin@mda.asn.au

Dear Ms Bradbury

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2020 concerning the development of the Regional Water Strategies. I look forward to working with you and continuing the productive and collaborative relationship you have had with Rachel and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Water.

In relation to your requests about engagement, I am advised that the councils listed in your letter have been involved in ongoing discussions with the Department, regarding regional water strategies for the priority Macquarie-Castlereagh and Gwydir regions and, more recently, the Border Rivers, Namoi and Western regions.

The draft regional water strategies are being developed in partnership with joint organisations and local councils as they are key community leaders, and have an important role in securing water for critical human needs – the highest priority during extreme events. Their first-hand knowledge of water-related challenges and opportunities in their regions, and their vision for the future of their regions will be critical to include in the draft regional water strategies.

The draft strategies also involve initial feedback from Aboriginal communities. This, recognises that we need local Aboriginal community input into the sections of the strategies that address Aboriginal people's water needs, rights and interests.

Developing the draft strategies in partnership with councils means that we are starting in the middle – and that we are not advantaging one industry group over another, or one interest group over another.

The draft regional water strategies will present the challenges and opportunities for each region, along with a long list of options. The drafts will not include any final decisions or recommendations about water investment in the region.

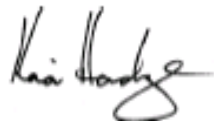
The public exhibition process provides an opportunity for the entire community to provide input on the vision for each region and to comment on the long list of options. The process will also provide the opportunity for anyone in the community to suggest additional options that they would like considered.

In the meantime, any person can write to the Department and submit comments water management in their region and the options they would like to see included in the draft strategies.

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I would be happy to attend the next regional meeting of the Murray Darling Association and will ask my executive support officer – Ms Sharlene Bingham – to contact your office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaia Hodge', written in a cursive style.

Kaia Hodge
Executive Director Regional Water Strategies
Water Group

2 September 2020



The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

IM20/20702

Councillor Jamie Chaffey
Chairperson, Namoi Unlimited
Mayor Gunnedah Shire Council
PO Box 555
TAMWORTH NSW 2340


Dear Councillor Chaffey

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2020 concerning the development of the Namoi Regional Water Strategy and consultation with industry groups.

I am advised Namoi Unlimited has been involved in discussions with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Water (the Department) about the Namoi Regional Water Strategy. Thank you for your input to date.

The regional water strategies will be developed in partnership with joint organisations and local councils as you are key community leaders and you have an important role in securing water for critical human needs – the highest priority during extreme events. You have first-hand knowledge of where your region is going, and it will be critical to include your vision for your region in the draft regional water strategy. We are also keen to leverage the important work you have already done in around strategic water planning.

The draft strategies will also involve initial feedback from Aboriginal communities recognising we need local Aboriginal community input into the sections of the strategy around Aboriginal people's water needs, rights and interests.

Developing the strategies in partnership with councils means we are starting in the middle – and we are not advantaging one industry group over another, or one interest group over another.

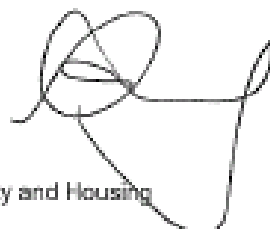
It is also important to recognise the draft strategy going on public exhibition will be the initial step about the regional water strategy. It will seek the entire community's views on the vision for the region. It will have a long list of options we will want feedback on. The public consultation process will provide the opportunity to add to the options should be considered in the strategy and the final strategy will be influenced by what we hear during public consultation. The draft strategy will not include any final decisions or recommendations about water investment in the region.

The Department will brief state-wide peak bodies on the draft strategy before its release, including NSW Farmers' Association and NSW Irrigators Council. All regional stakeholder groups, including industry groups, will have an opportunity to provide input on the draft strategy during its public exhibition.

In the meantime, any person can write to the Department and submit comments about the challenges and opportunities they see in the Namoi region and the options they would like to see included in the draft strategy ahead of the public exhibition period.

Yours sincerely


Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing



20 AUG 2020



Hon **Barnaby Joyce** MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEW ENGLAND

28 August 2020

Cr Jamie Chaffey
Chairperson, Namoi Unlimited
Mayor, Gunnedah Shire Council
PO Box 555
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Via e-mail: r.thomson@namoiunlimited.nsw.gov.au

Dear Cr Chaffey *Jamie,*

Thank you for sending to me copies of your e-mail messages of 14 and 19 August 2020 regarding the recent Zoom session held to seek the views of industry on Namoi Unlimited's Namoi Super-cluster Initiative.

I appreciate receiving copies of your correspondence and have noted the details of this initiative as contained in the presentation which you forwarded to me.

I certainly commend Namoi Unlimited and all involved upon the ongoing work being undertaken to grow the economies across the Walcha, Tamworth, Liverpool Plains, Gwydir and Gunnedah Shire Council areas and look forward to continuing to work with Namoi Unlimited on these important goals for our region.

Thank you once again for keeping me up to date with the Namoi Super-cluster Initiative and if I can assist at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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12.2 2019-2020 Annual Financial Statements – ATTACHMENT F

Author	Executive Officer/JOLT
Policy	-
Legal	A Statement by Members of the Board and Management authorised by this report is required to be included with Council's General Purpose Financial Statements under Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, (as amended).
Financial	2019-2020 preparation of the End of Year Statement and Audit
Strategic Link	-
Attachments	ATTACHMENT F

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:	<p>That in relation to the report "2019/2020 Annual Financial Statements" for the period ending 30 June 2020, Namoi Unlimited:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. present the Audited General Purpose Financial Reports, together with the Auditors Reports at a Public Meeting to be held as part of Council's Meeting on 6 October 2020, in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1993;II. record as an opinion of the Joint Organisation that the Annual Financial Statements for Namoi Joint Organisation for the period ending 30 June 2020, that these statements, have been prepared in accordance with:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ the Local Government Act 1993, (as amended) and Regulations made thereafter;▪ the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements; and▪ the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;III. the Annual Financial Statement presents fairly the Joint Organisations operating result and financial position for the year;IV. the Annual Financial Statement accords with Tamworth Regional Council's accounting and other records; andV. the signatories are not aware of anything that would make the General Purpose Financial Report false or misleading in any way.
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AMENDED/ENDORSED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

REJECTED/CARRIED

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to present to the members of Namoi Unlimited the finalised Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020. Following completion of the audit process, the reports are now ready for formal adoption prior to lodgement with the Office of Local Government and presentation to the public.

BACKGROUND: At the Namoi Unlimited Meeting held 31 August 2020, the members

referred the draft Annual Financial Statement for Namoi Joint Organisation for the year ended 30 June 2020 for audit.

A copy of the finalised Annual Financial Statement for Namoi Joint Organisation are provided in ATTACHMENT D.

COMMENTARY:

The audit process has now been completed.

The auditor advised that as a result of the audit they are likely to express an unmodified opinion on the reports and that all audit issues and risks included in the client service plan were satisfactorily addressed during the audit.

The Auditors Report and finalised Annual Financial Statement must be submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government by 30 November 2020.

It is planned to then present these to members at a Public Meeting in conjunction with October Meeting to be held on 6 October 2020, in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Section 413(2)(c) requires the Statement, signed by the Chairperson, Executive Officer, and another Voting Representative Board Member, in the form approved by Namoi Unlimited as to its opinion on the Annual Financial Statement.

It is noted that the Statement reflects an opinion only and is not legally binding.

SEE SEPARATE ATTACHMENT TO THIS DOCUMENT

13. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

15. CLOSED REPORTS

Nil provided at time of distribution of this Notice of Meeting.

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING