



**Notice is given that a Special Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island will be held at the George Fam Centre Council Chambers on 29 November 2022 commencing at 4.15pm**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Declaration of Opening**

Presiding member to confirm that 1/3 of Councillors agree to tabling of item 3.1 as it is a change to a previous Council Resolution.

### **2 Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence/Declarations of Interest**

- 2.1 Attendance
- 2.2 Leave of Absence
- 2.3 Apologies

### **3 Business of the meeting**

#### **3.1 Motion: Appointment of Acting CEO**

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Res. No:** /22

That Council Resolution No 95/22 adopted on 25 October 2022 be changed to read:

That Council appoints the Director Governance, Research, Policy & Grants Chris Su as acting CEO for the period of 31 October 2022 to 16 December 2022 and the Director Works and Services Troy Davis be appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 17 December 2022 to 10 January 2023 and that the applicable higher duties apply.

**Carried:** / **(Absolute Majority required)**

#### **3.2 Motion: CI Decarbonisation Strategy**

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Res. No:** /22

Council supports the development, in part by the SOCI and in close collaboration with the Commonwealth, of the **Christmas Island (CI) Decarbonisation Strategy**.

Council supports the development of the **Shire Carbon Emissions Reduction Plan** that will focus on the reduction of carbon emissions generated by its own operations.

**Carried:** /

### **4 Closure of Meeting**

### **5 Date of the next Ordinary Meeting**

5.1 Date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting: 13 December 2022



## SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

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SUBMISSION TO	Special Council Meeting 29 November 2022
AGENDA REFERENCE	3.2
SUBJECT	Clean Energies Strategy & Shire Carbon Emissions Reduction Plan
LOCATION/ADDRESS/APPLICANT	
FILE REFERENCE	7.1.2
INTEREST DISCLOSURE	
DATE OF REPORT	24/11/22
AUTHOR	Chris Su
SIGNATURE OF CEO (ACTING)	SIGNED

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### RECOMMENDATION

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### BACKGROUND

The *Australian Local Power Agency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021*, identified by the Council at its 28 April 2022 Ordinary Meeting as essential to progress the development of clean energies on the island, is no longer on the Commonwealth government legislative agenda. The *Australian Local Power Agency* (ALPA) would have supported the development of community energy projects in Australia, increase the competitiveness of renewable energy supplied by community energy projects and ensure that regional communities share in the benefits of renewable energy.

In June 2022 the federal government has committed to a 43% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 below 2005 thus improving its Climate Action Tracker rating from “Highly Insufficient” to “Insufficient”.

The Community Consultative Committee meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 moved a resolution for Council to engage in an energy audit to inform the basis for a pivot to greener energy options (Resolution CCC14/22) as the Island develops according to the planning instrument plans. The wider consensus amongst the community is that the reliance on diesel imports for power is not desired into the long term now that green energy technology is so advanced; the expectation of Council to plan for the presence of electric vehicles on Island is also a growing sentiment.

### COMMENT

Government at local, state and the federal level in Australia are actively planning on how to reduce their carbon footprint from their operations.

As the level of government representing Christmas Islanders, Council has to take on the planning for this Island-wide carbon footprint reduction planning in conjunction with the Commonwealth.

Internally, an own **Shire Carbon Emissions Reduction Plan** for council operations would be a starting point.

The Plan will need be underpinned by an internal carbon emission audit.

The whole of Island **CI Clean Energies Strategy** will: identify/align with Commonwealth programs supporting the introduction of clean energy in regional and remote areas; focus on clean energy generation options suitable to the Island together with their location and spatial requirements and identify clean energy requirements within the town planning framework for new developments. The Strategy will advocate the continuation of the provision of public power on CI being considered a fundamental right afforded to the Islanders to be maintained.

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

The SOCI, with agreement from the WA Planning Commission, is reviewing its **Local Planning Scheme No.2** and the **May 2015 Local Planning Strategy** pursuant to the requirements of the **Planning & Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015(WA)(CI) (LPS Regulations)**.

Relevant sections of the **CI Clean Energies Strategy** could, at some point, be integrated into the forthcoming new **Local Planning Strategy**.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The **CI Clean Energies Strategy** is considered as the appropriate policy response to facilitate the required transition from fossil fuel to renewables and maintain the protection of the public provision of energy on Christmas Island .

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Internal investigation is necessary to establish the ultimate scope and budget required to develop the **CI Decarbonisation Strategy** and the **Shire Carbon Emissions Reduction Plan**.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS & MILESTONES**

Council is to be presented with the scope and recommended budget for the development of the **CI Clean Energies Strategy** and the **Shire Carbon Emissions Reduction Plan** in the first quarter of 2023.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil