

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE
GOSFORD / WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY BOARD
MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD AT GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL,
ON 18 AUGUST 2010
COMMENCING AT 9.09 AM**

PRESENT:

CR HOLSTEIN*

CHAIRPERSON

GOSFORD

CR MAHER*

WYONG

CR SYMINGTON*(in attendance via phonelink)

MR P WILSON*

MR M WHITTAKER*

MR B KOIZUMI-SMITH*

MR P WISE*

MR G MCDONALD

GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL STAFF

MS P MCCANN (arrived at 9.14am)

MR N SLADE

MS M LOW

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF

MS R REDMOND

MS J ELVIDGE

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

AUTHORITY STAFF

MR G CASEMENT

MR B BAKER

APOLOGIES

MR R WILLIAMS

CR LATELLA

CR GRAHAM

CR MATTHEWS

CR VINCENT

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Cr Holstein and seconded by Mr Whittaker:

That the Board receive the report on Disclosures of Interest and the fact that no disclosure was made be noted.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Cr Maher:

That the Board confirm the minutes of the previous Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board meeting held on 19 May 2010.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

2.1 Toukley Desalination Plant

Pam McCann arrived at 9.14am during discussion on this item.

Resolved unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by Cr Holstein:

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

- 1 That a budget of \$530,000 be approved to undertake the pre construction consent conditions and physical commencement of the desalination project to preserve the Development Approval.***
- 2 That Wyong Shire Council expedite the investigation and design activities at the Toukley desalination site in accordance with the Contaminated Lands Management Act to enable site works to commence prior to June 2012.***
- 3 That full briefings be given to both Councils prior to the Minutes of the Water Authority Board being brought back for consideration by both Councils.***
- 4 That the two Councils note that the Water Plan 2050 identifies desalination as one of the potential future supplies, if climate change or other issues necessitates the development of additional supplies, in the future and would be initiated as a last resort.***
- 5 That a joint media statement be prepared for consideration by both Councils.***

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

2.2 Project Report - Update on Capital Works

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Mr Wilson :

That the Board note the information and endorse the budget increase of \$1,100,000 for the construction of the Gosford Distribution Works for the Mardi High Lift Pump Station for a total budget of \$1,520,000.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Pre construction</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Preconstruction activities</i>	<i>\$420,000</i>		<i>\$420,000</i>
<i>Ourimbah Pump Station mechanical electrical refit</i>		<i>\$500,000</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
<i>Ancillary works including; reservoir inlet modifications, new valves and automation of manual valves</i>		<i>\$600,000</i>	<i>\$600,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$1,100,000</i>	<i>\$1,520,000</i>

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker, Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

2.3 Hunter Water Transfers

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by Mr Whittaker:

That the Board receive the report on Hunter Transfers and note that a draft revised restriction guideline with corresponding operating rules will be presented to the November Board meeting.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker, Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

3.1 Information Reports

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Cr Maher:

That the Information Reports be resolved individually.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker, Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

3.2 Mardi to Mangrove Link Project Status

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Cr Maher:

That the Board receive the report on Mardi to Mangrove Link Project Status.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

3.3 Regular Information Report

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Cr Maher:

That the Board receive the report on Regular Information Report.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

3.4 Communications Update

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Cr Maher:

That the Board receive the report on Communications Update.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

3.5 Budget and Financial Summary

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Whittaker and seconded by Cr Maher:

That the Board receive the report on Budget and Financial Summary.

FOR: Cr Holstein, Cr Maher, Mr Koizumi-Smith, Cr Symington, Mr Whittaker,
Mr Wilson, Mr Wise

AGAINST: NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tabling of the GWCWA Submission regarding Wallarah 2 Coal Project

Garry Casement tabled the GWCWA submission made regarding the Wallarah 2 Coal Project Environmental Assessment Report for the Board members information.

Legislative Changes regarding the formation of the Central Coast Water Corporation

Mr Whittaker requested that a status report regarding the formation of the Water Corporation and the legislative changes be given to the Board.

Greg McDonald advised that the Minister for Water and both Mayors signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last week. Cabinet has since requested a further legislative change which will mean that the new Corporation can be levied for the Climate Change Fund.

This change does not require amendment of the Central Coast Water Corporation Act but will require the schedule in the Energy and Utilities Administration Act to now include the Central Coast Water Corporation so that the levy can be applied. Mr Whittaker advised that when the Central Coast Water Corporation gets added to the list of corporations to be levied care should be taken to ensure that both Wyong and Gosford Council are removed from the list. Greg further advised that a legal expert has been appointed and will be part of the team reviewing the amending legislation when it comes through in draft form this week.

Mr Whittaker requested that when any legal opinion around the amendments is received, this should be circulated to the Board members as soon as possible.

THE MEETING terminated at 9.53am.