



Media Release

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COUNCIL TO MEET VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

On Tuesday, 24 March 2020, a range of legislative changes, under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill was introduced by NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman.

This Bill has allowed an amendment to the Local Government Act 1993 to support on line or teleconferencing Council meetings as previously this was not provided for under the Act.

“In a pandemic, governance by elected representatives is an essential service. The amendment to support electronic rather than physical council meetings is welcome news. This provision applies for a minimum period of 6 months and may apply for a total of 12 months if the Regulations prescribe a longer period”, said Mayor Peter Petty.

Council’s IT staff are currently making the necessary arrangements to allow our Councillors to meet via teleconference. It is anticipated that this will allow the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 27 April 2020 (and incorporating business from the postponed March 2020 meeting) to proceed.

As required under the Act this meeting will be webcast.

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