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UPDATING THE SEARCH FOR WATER FOR TENTERFIELD FRIDAY, 5 JULY 2019

Council facilitated a virtual (Skype) meeting today with representatives from multiple specialist private companies and government agencies to discuss drilling for water and how to step through the extremely complex process.

The marathon meeting ran for almost two and a half hours involving exploration geologists from as far afield as Tasmania, hydrogeologists from Sydney and interstate, drilling company and Natural Resources Access Regulator representatives from Dubbo, Department of Industry – Water staff from Coffs Harbour, Department of Health from Tamworth, consultant engineers from Ballarat and Caringbah, as well as Council's specialist personnel.

What became very clear was the rich geographical history and huge variety of underground formations in the general area, some of which is often commonly described as fractured granite. Some of it is not granite at all, or even the common term used by drillers and explorers in the past which was 'blue granite', it's actually a rock called Rhyodacite.

Chief Executive Terry Dodds was very excited by this good news.

"There appears to be potential underground water sources in four areas which will now require the approval process to be enacted prior to physical investigation involving test bores. Fingers crossed", Mr Dodds said.