



# Media Release

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## **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED**

Mayor Peter Petty, took the decision this morning to postpone the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 to protect Councillors, staff and members of the public as per the current directions from the NSW Government during the rapidly escalating COVID-19 crisis.

"I spoke to the Chief Executive, Mr Daryl Buckingham and following his input and in line with general health and safety guidelines for NSW Local Government meetings, cancelled the Council Meeting under the terms of the Local Government Act which allows for a meeting to be cancelled or postponed because of natural disaster or if it could pose a danger or health risk to Council representatives or members of the public", Mayor Petty said.

"While this meeting is cancelled, Council continues to service the community with essential services – water, waste & sewer", Mayor Petty said.

"Kerbside waste collections occur at the usual times, town water supplies are being managed, applications are being processed and the management of projects remains on track. While face-to-face customer services have been closed, many of our staff are now working from home to ensure that the organisation can continue to function. Our online and phone services remain open and it is reassuring to note that our Council has been ahead of the game in assessing the risk and bringing in the necessary safety measures," the Mayor concluded.

**ENDS**