

**Shire of Moora
Special Council Meeting
24th June 2015**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Elected Member

A Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Moora
will be held on **Wednesday 24th June 2015**
in the Council Chambers, 34 Padbury Street, Moora
commencing at **4.00 pm**

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the invitation from the office of Minister Dean Nalder MLA, Minister for Transport to provide feedback in regard to the preferred eastern alignment endorsed by Minister Nalder concerning the Miling townsite bypass.



AJ Leeson
Chief Executive Officer

18th June 2015

The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

Our vision is that:

The Moora region will be a place of brilliant opportunity over the next twenty years. Sustainable growth will result in a vibrant, healthy, wealthy and diverse community.

Mission

Our mission is:

To identify and stimulate growth through creative leadership and a willingness to get things done.

SHIRE OF MOORA**WRITTEN DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Moora
PO Box 211
MOORA WA 6510

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Written Declaration of Interest in Matter Before Council

I, ⁽¹⁾ _____ wish to
declare an interest in the following item to be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on
⁽²⁾ _____.

Agenda Item ⁽³⁾ _____

The type of interest I wish to declare is: ⁽⁴⁾

- Financial pursuant to Section 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995
- Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995
- Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995
- Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.

The nature of my interest is ⁽⁵⁾

The extent of my interest is ⁽⁶⁾

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and recorded by the Chief Executive Officer in an appropriate Register.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

Date

1. Insert your name.
2. Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item is to be considered.
3. Insert the Agenda Item Number and Title.
4. Tick box to indicate type of interest.
5. Describe the nature of your interest.
6. Describe the extent of your interest (if seeking to participate in the matter under S. 5.68 of the Act).

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SHIRE OF MOORA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
24 JUNE 2015
COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING****1.2 DISCLAIMER READING**

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****4. PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS****5.1 MILING TOWNSITE GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY BYPASS PROPOSAL**

FILE REFERENCE: TP/PTMII

REPORT DATE: 18 June 2015

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Minister for Transport W.A – Michael Buba

OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: Nil

AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer, Alan Leeson

ATTACHMENTS: Letter

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Council to consider an invitation from the Western Australian Government's Minister for Transport's office, for Council to provide feedback in relation to the preferred alignment of the proposed heavy vehicle bypass on the Great Northern Highway Miling.

BACKGROUND:

Since October/November 2014 the issue of a Miling Bypass has been investigated by a project team on behalf of Main Roads and the State Government. Throughout that process there has been consultation with Council and the Miling Community and directly affected land owners.

COMMENT:

The matter did somewhat come to a head last week with a presentation to Council on the preferred bypass route recommended by the Main Roads project team and formally endorsed by the Minister for Transport being the eastern option, just to the east of the Miling Recreation Ground and the Water Corporation Tank.

The Minister is now seeking comment from Council given it is the head governance organisation within the community. To this juncture, Council has been well briefed on the status of the issue to this point, and has been comfortable with the process undertaken by the project team.

From the authors perspective it is logical and expected that the State Government would seek a comment/position from Council on such an important issue within the Shire of Moora community. It is fair to say to this point, the issue has been very emotive at the Miling community level and to some extent that has led to a lack of objectivity at various stages of the planning and consultation. Council's position has been, albeit unofficially, to allow the process to play out with members of the Miling Community being provided with an opportunity to formally make the views/preferences known, and subsequently Council need not be formally involved.

Given the request from the Minister for Transport and the deputation from the Miling Progress Association Executive on the 17th June 2015, it is incumbent on the author to now put the matter up for Council to formally consider.

The Miling Progress Association have requested that consideration be given to engaging a consultant/facilitator independent of Council, Main Roads and the Miling Progress Association to go back to the Miling Community to draw out some further understanding of the bypass proposal/s put forward by the Main Roads project team.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1995

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no strategic implications in consideration of this matter.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Economic**

There are no direct financial economic implications for Council in relation to this matter. This may potentially impact on the economic fabric of Miling in terms of what impact the re-routing of the highway around Miling may or may not have.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of an external consultant to drive a secondary community consultation process is likely to cost in the vicinity of \$10,000 plus GST. This is a very modest cost in terms of the life investment and impact of a bypass in Miling.

SUMMARY:

Strong leadership is required of Council in relation to this issue on behalf of the community and a greater buy into the issue has been requested of Council by the Miling Progress Association and indeed the Minister for Transport.

This is however not at the discretion of Council, however it is the authors' view that Council should take this issue and commence a secondary consultative process to be externally facilitated in order to achieve an outcome that can be objectively fed back to the Minister for Transport on behalf of the Miling community collectively. Hypothetically if it were the bypass around Moora, I have no doubt Council would be at the forefront of a process in terms of planning and consultation strategies.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

RECOMMENDATION

That

- 1. Council accepts the invitation from the office of Minister Dean Nalder MLA, Minister for Transport to provide feedback in regard to the preferred eastern alignment endorsed by Minister Nalder concerning the Miling townsite by-pass,*
- 2. Council prior to formalising any feedback to Minister Nalder's office engage an independent consultant/facilitator to undertake a formal consultation process in a collaborative manner with the Miling community to provide adequate opportunity and time for the community to consider holistically the preferred option endorsed by Minister Nalder's office being the "eastern option" and the merits of such, thus forming the basis of the requested feedback/comment sought from Council by Minister Nalder's Office, furthermore that this feedback be provided no later than 31 August 2015;*
- 3. Council endorse expenditure not exceeding \$10,000 plus GST to fund the engagement of an external consultant.*

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING