



Aurukun Shire Council

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

9.00am

Monday 22 May 2017

Venue:

**Council Chambers, 39 Kang Kang Road,
Aurukun Qld 4892**



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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN
ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2017**

Present:

Councillors Cr. Dereck Walpo (Mayor)
Cr. Edgar Kerindun
Cr. Ada Woolla
Cr. Vera Koomeeta
Cr. Doris Poonkamelya

Officers Ron Fenner - Director Corporate Services (DCOR)
Perry Gould - Director Technical Services (DTS)
Karen Nangle - Minute Secretary – Executive Assistant (EA)

Via V/Conference

Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Alan Neilan – A/Director Community Services (A/DCOM)
Marina Schaefer – Finance Manager (FM)

Apology Jayne Gilbert – Director Community Services (DCOM)

Guests:

Heath Jones – Consulting Engineer ERSCON
(by teleconference)

1. Opening

Mayor declared meeting open at 9:03 am.

2. Condolences

NIL

3. Leave of Absence

Jayne Gilbert – Director Community Services (DCOM)

4. Agenda Items

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4.1 Rio Tinto Amended Memorandum of Understanding with Aurukun Shire Council

4.1.1 Director Technical Services spoke to the proposed amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and noted concerns with:

- road condition
- dust suppression
- signage
- community notices
- speed reduction
- inadequacy of 50 mm cover on Cook Shire Section

Heath Jones, Consulting Engineer, ERSCON joined the meeting by teleconference at 09:10 am

4.1.2 Heath Jones spoke to the proposed amended Memorandum of Understanding and noted the following points:

- allowance for 50mm material – inadequate noting existing dust holes are 20 metres in length
- signage –the amended MOU states that Council is responsible to signage. No signs are installed at present
- original MOU value was \$3.8m, and revised MOU increased value to \$6.7m. Of this, the final payment of \$1.4m is to be paid in respect of the Aurukun Shire Council section of the road only if warranted
- the funding proposed in the amended MOU should enable Council to seal the road to a full eight metre width and a shoulder, providing longer term value to Council
- the revised MOU increases the traffic to three times that of the original MOU, such that from July to November 2017, there will be 20 truck movements over a 24 hour period

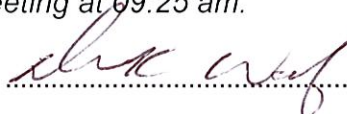
4.1.3 Rio Tinto trucks were sighted on Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 May 2017 not adhering to the separation distances agreed upon and travelling at excessive speed.

4.1.4 Risks of the MOU include:

- damage is appearing on the road already with rutting in places
- damage occurring from truck movements is exponential to the degree of overload
- load data becomes critical
- the requirement for Aurukun Shire Council to install signage
- speed signage on unsealed road is generally not adopted as it infers safe speeds

Councillor Vera Koomeeta joined the meeting at 09:25 am.

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4.1.5 Cook Shire section of Aurukun Access Road

- the 250 mm overlay on the Cook Shire's section of the Aurukun Access Road is inadequate for the projected truck volume
- Aurukun Shire Council to seek evidence that the Cook Shire 26 kms section of the Aurukun Access Road is not deficient, noting that its present condition constitutes a major risk for Aurukun Community residents, Rio Tinto vehicles and Cook Shire Council
- 200mm of material needs to be added to the road before movement of Rio trucks can increase
- original agreement between Cook Shire Council and Rio Tinto was for 300mm however it was noted that Cook did not improve the entire 26 kms
- Cook Shire may need assistance from Aurukun Shire Council in sourcing road base material

Councillor Woolla left the meeting at 09:35 am.

4.1.6 Recommendations

- require Rio Tinto to make a risk assessment of speed signage a condition of MOU
- indicate to Rio Tinto that Council has endorsed the MOU subject to conditions – this places the onus on Rio Tinto to comply with the recommended conditions set by Aurukun Shire Council
- there is no risk in Aurukun Shire Council endorsing the Amended MOU subject to conditions raised as this will provide the impetus for Rio Tinto to address the issues, after which the MOU can proceed
- ensure all reference in the document correctly identify Aurukun Access Road

*Councillor Woolla re-joined the meeting at 09:39 am.
CEO left the meeting 09:46 am.*

4.1.7 Financial

Noting Finance Manager's assertion that the final two payments have not been made to Council by Rio Tinto, this will be followed up by Heath Jones.

CEO re-joined the meeting 09:50 am



Resolution 17.5630

1. That Aurukun Shire Council approves the Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Rio Tinto subject to the following conditions:
 - a. revision of final payment schedule at Table 2, Item 8 to ensure only \$1.4m final payment is subject to damage assessment
 - b. include in the Amended MOU that load data (e.g. weight of each trailer) is provided by Rio Tinto for all trucks on a weekly basis along with the provision of road traffic use data
 - c. implementation of key items from the Road User Management Plan (RUMP) prior to release of revised MOU, specifically:
 - i. provision of monthly traffic schedule and community advice (1 month in advance) in a format suitable for further distribution
 - ii. dust suppression at the following points:
 1. PDR turnoff
 2. Floodways along the Aurukun Access Road between the PDR and the Amrun turnoff
 3. Either side of the Amrun turn off
 - iii. traffic counters reinstated and data provided
 - iv. community Liaison Officer is provided in Aurukun with contact details provided for distribution to the community, in addition to the proposal for the Archer River Roadhouse
 - d. Rio Tinto shall be requested to complete a risk assessment and signage audit for the Aurukun Access Road by a suitably qualified consultant, and provide the recommendations for Aurukun Shire Council consideration. Following this assessment, Rio Tinto shall install signage and other items recommended in this assessment to ensure public safety is maintained
 - e. Aurukun Shire Council requires confirmation that a satisfactory Amended MOU agreement has been reached with Cook Shire Council. Rio Tinto shall provide the maintenance schedule and construction methodology for the 26 kms Cook Shire unsealed section to Aurukun Shire Council for review
 - f. all references in the Amended MOU shall be updated to refer to the Aurukun Road as the "Aurukun Access Road"

**MOVED: Cr Vera Koomeeta
CARRIED**

SECONDED: Cr Ada Woolla

5. Other Business

5.1 Speed limit.

Heath Jones is to review the risk to Council in placing speed signs along the Aurukun Access Road at 80 kms per hour and report back to Council.

6. Closure

There being no more business, the meeting was closed at 10:14am

