



New South Wales

Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016

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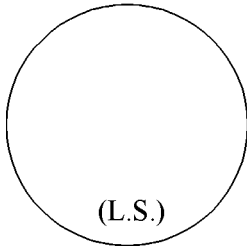
Local Government Act 1993

DAVID HURLEY, Governor

I, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make the following Proclamation.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 12th day of May 2016.

By His Excellency's Command,



PAUL TOOLE, MP
Minister for Local Government

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Explanatory note

The object of this Proclamation is to constitute and amalgamate various local government areas and to make consequential savings and transitional provisions.

Schedule 12 Provisions for Murrumbidgee Council

1 Definition

In this Schedule:

new council means the Murrumbidgee Council.

2 Description of area

The Murrumbidgee area is the area of that name with the boundaries as shown on the map referred to in the Table to clause 4 (1) of this Proclamation kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

3 Administrator of new council during initial period

Austin Evans is appointed as the Administrator of the new council.

4 Interim general manager

The interim general manager of the new council is Craig Moffitt.

5 Deputy general manager

The deputy general manager of the new council is Phil Pinyon.

6 Number of councillors

The number of councillors to be elected to the new council at its first election is 9.

7 Ward structure

The new council is to be divided into 3 wards having the boundaries shown for the Murrumbidgee area on the map with the identifier number PP5000-W kept in the register of public surveys on the amalgamation day.

8 Code of meeting practice

The code of meeting practice of the former Jerilderie Shire Council is to be the code of meeting practice of the new council until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Act.

B: MODEL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEES

The following model terms of reference for a LRC is provided as a starting point and can be amended to suit local needs and circumstances. For clarity of governance arrangements, it is recommended that a separate terms of reference be adopted for each LRC.

Name

The name of the committee is the Murrumbidgee Local Representation Committee (LRC).

Purpose

The purpose of the LRC is to provide advice to the Administrator on local views and issues. This includes:

- providing input to the operational plans 2016-17 and 2017-18
- advising on the communication and engagement plan for the community
- providing input to the statement of vision and priorities
- assisting to engage communities and partners in planning for the new council.

Chairperson and Minutes

The Administrator will determine the chairperson of the LRC.

Secretariat support will be provided to prepare agendas and minutes of each meeting.

Membership

The LRC primarily comprises councillors of the former council who have demonstrated a commitment to the success of the new council. The Administrator will appoint members of the LRC and may appoint other community representatives where appropriate.

Membership of the Murrumbidgee LRC is as follows:

- [Council should insert names of members once determined.]

Interim General Managers and other council staff may attend LRC meetings, on the invitation of the Chairperson.

Reporting

The LRC will be appointed by, and report to, the governing body.

Meeting Schedule

The LRC will meet at least monthly, with capacity for additional meetings as needed.

Meeting schedules will be determined by the Chairperson, in consultation with LRC members.

Principles

The following principles provide guidance to communities, Administrators, interim General Managers and staff about the way the NSW Government expects the implementation of new councils to be conducted.

These principles also provide high-level guidance for the LRC.

[Council should insert table of principles, including any accompanying information about the way in which they will be applied to the local context.]

Code of Conduct

The Model Code of Conduct applies to the members of the LRC.

Remuneration of Members

Members of the LRC will be remunerated at a rate equal to their remuneration as a councillor or mayor. Members of the LRC that are not former councillors will be remunerated at a rate to be determined by the Administrator.

Media Liaison

The Administrator is the designated media spokesperson for the new council.

Meeting Arrangements

Arrangements for meetings will be as follows:

- the agenda and supporting material will be circulated at least five days prior to a meeting
- any supporting material or papers that are confidential will be clearly marked as such and remain confidential to members
- any general business items tabled during meetings will be short, requiring no more than five minutes' presentation or discussion
- meetings will be run in a fair and independent manner and support open and constructive dialogue
- minutes will be circulated within seven days of each meeting.

Standard Agenda Items

Agendas will be determined by the Chairperson. As a minimum, agendas will include the following standard items:

- meeting open and apologies
- confirmation of previous minutes and matters arising
- reports on priority actions
- reports and advice on local views and emerging issues
- specific items varying from meeting to meeting
- review of relevant meeting actions or follow up requirements
- formal close.