

CRJO Board Meeting
Thursday, 17 October 2019
Parliament House Sydney



Voting Representatives - Present	
Bega Valley Shire Council	Cr Kristy McBain
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Cr Liz Innes
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Cr Bob Kirk
Hilltops Council	Cr Brian Ingram
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Cr Trudy Taylor
Snowy Valleys Council	Cr James Hayes OAM
Yass Valley Council	Cr Rowena Abbey – Chair
Non-Voting Representatives - Present	
Bega Valley Shire Council	Ms Leanne Barnes OAM
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Dr Catherine Dale
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Mr Warwick Bennett
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Mr Peter Tegart
Snowy Valleys Council	Mr Matthew Hyde
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Mr Mark Pepping
Yass Valley Council	Mr Chris Berry
ACT Government	Mr Sam Engele
Wagga Wagga City Council	Cr Greg Conkey OAM Mr Scott Gray
Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Ms Gabrielle Cusack Ms Nikolina Marinovic

OPENING MEETING

Chair CRJO Mayor Rowena Abbey opened the meeting at 8:52am.

The meeting was moved forward to 8:52am. Agenda Items 2 and 4 through to 12 were brought forward.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Mayor Rowena Abbey made the following acknowledgement:

“I would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders, and acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation of the land on which we meet today.”

4. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

- 1. That the apologies of the following voting representatives be approved and a leave of absence granted: Cr Tim Overall, Cr Peter Beer, Cr John Stafford and Cr Duncan Gair.*
- 2. That the apologies of the following non-voting representatives be accepted: Dr Edwina Marks, Mr Peter Bascomb, Mr Andrew Croke, Ms Ann Prendergast, Dr David Clapham, Cr Natalie O’Connell, Mr Anthony Basford, Mr Peter Thompson, Mr Noel McCann and Ms Heidi Stratford.*
- 3. That it be noted a quorum was not established at this meeting with only six (6) voting members present; Cr Rowena Abbey – Chair, Cr Kristy McBain – Deputy Chair, Cr Bob Kirk, Cr Brian Ingram, Cr Trudy Taylor, Cr James Hayes OAM. A quorum was not reached at this meeting as both Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Snowy Monaro Regional Council attended local council meetings and Cr Duncan Gair was on annual leave. Cr Trudy Taylor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council attended the meeting in lieu of Cr Tim Overall who was on annual leave at the time. The meeting proceeded given the circumstances and location of the meeting and the imperativeness of agenda items. Pursuant to clause 5.14 and 5.15 of the CRJO Code of Meeting Practice, the minutes of the non-quorum meeting will be circulated and approved within seven (7) days Thursday, 24 October 2019 by voting members not in attendance. Additionally, non-quorum decisions will be ratified at the next Board meeting 5 December 2019 during the Confirmation of Minutes.*

Moved Cr B. Kirk / Cr R. Abbey

Carried

5. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Nil

6. RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Not applicable.

7. URGENT / ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board accept the following matters as urgent or additional business and deal with these matters at the end of the Business Paper.

12.8 Canberra Hospital Accommodation

12.9 Cross-border infrastructure fund

12.10 Drought funding criteria clarification

12.11 CRJO Actions following Ministerial Meetings

Moved Cr K. McBain / Cr L. Innes

Carried

8. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MINUTES – 5 AUGUST 2019

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board minutes from 5 August 2019 be confirmed.

Moved Cr B. Ingram / Cr J. Hayes

Carried

9. CHAIR'S MINUTE

RESOLVED

1. *That the report of the Chair of CRJO be received.*
2. *That the Board in principle support the concept of a potential trans-Tasman agreement/arrangement with Wellington Region Economic Development Authority to collaborate on economic development and that the matter be reviewed again in early 2020.*

Moved CRJO Chair

10. NOTICE OF MOTION(S)

NIL

11. NOTICE OF RECISSION(S)

NIL

12. REPORTS TO JOINT ORGANISATION

12.1 CRJO CHAIR'S REPORT

RESOLVED

1. *That the report from the Chair of the CRJO be received.*

Moved Cr B. Kirk / Cr K. McBain

Carried

12.2 GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING REPORTS – 30 AUGUST 2019 & 3 OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED

30 August 2019

- 1. That the report from the Chair of the General Managers Advisory Group on the meeting from 30 August 2019 be received.*
- 2. That the CRJO Board in line with regulatory impact statement process endorsed by Council of Australian Governments (COAG) advocate to Government the regions' concerns with the transfer of responsibilities from state to local government without full compensation and seek the introduction of state levies on council rate notices to fund such transfer of responsibilities.*
- 3. That the Chair of the CRJO Board be requested to raise this matter with the Joint Organisation Chair Network Group to obtain support and to advocate the CRJO's position to state government.*

3 October 2019

- 1. That the report from the Chair of the General Managers Advisory Group from the meeting of 3rd October 2019 be received.*
- 2. That the CRJO endorse the projects being applied for to Strengthen Local Government – Joint Organisations being:*
 - Business opportunities and shared services*
 - Regional Workforce Strategy*

Moved Cr T. Taylor / Cr B. Kirk

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:14am for the commencement of Ministerial Meetings.

Moved Cr K. McBain / Cr B. Ingram

Carried

The CRJO Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:00pm.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 NSW Audit Office

The NSW Audit Office representative, Ms Dominika Ryan – Director Financial Audit and Ms Dana Utesheva – Manager Audit and Assurance of Deloitte provided the Board with an update on the CRJO audit.

12.3. CRJO FINANCE REPORT TO 30 AUGUST 2019

RESOLVED

That the finance report for the two months to 31 August 2019 be received.

Moved Cr B. Kirk / Cr K. McBain

Carried

12.4. CRJO OPERATIONAL REPORT

RESOLVED

That the operational report of the CRJO be received.

Moved Cr B. Kirk / Cr L. Innes

Carried

12.5 REGIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

RESOLVED

That the report prepared for the Board by the Regional Project Management Office sub-group and update on the meeting with Minister Pavey be received.

Moved Cr T. Taylor / Cr B. Ingram

Carried

Numbers of the following agenda items were rectified during the meeting to reflect numerical consistency.

12.6. CRJO WORKING GROUPS – UPDATE

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Working Groups report be received.

Moved Cr B. Kirk / Cr J. Hayes

Carried

12.7 CRJO BOARD MEETING – SNOWY VALLEYS 5 & 6 DECEMBER 2019

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board Meeting – Snowy Valleys report be received.

Moved Cr J. Hayes / Cr L. Innes

Carried

12.8 CANBERRA HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

RESOLVED

That the CRJO Board raise concerns with the ACT Health Minister and Chief Minister regarding the impact the closure and removal of the current Residential Accommodation at Canberra Hospital in 2020 will have on health care services in the Canberra Region, and that a letter be sent to the NSW Minister for Health and Minister for Rural Health requesting discussions be initiated with the ACT Minister about the ongoing impact on NSW communities.

Moved Cr K. McBain / Cr L. Innes

Carried

PRESENTATIONS

3.2 NSW Government Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Water

Mr Michael Blackmore Director Water Utilities – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment presented to the Board on Safe and Secure Water Projects.

RESOLVED

That the General Managers Advisory Group (GMAG) prepare a report on the CRJO potential interaction with regional urban water plans and regional water strategy proposed by the NSW Government within the Canberra region, and their relationship with the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans and the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan.

Moved Cr T. Taylor / Cr B. Kirk

Carried

12.9 CROSS-BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

RESOLVED

That the CRJO lodge a submission for funding with the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner to enable the preparation of waste, recreation, and social-cultural prospectuses.

Moved Cr T. Taylor / Cr L. Innes

Carried

12.10 DROUGHT FUNDING CRITERIA CLARIFICATION

RESOLVED

That a letter be prepared to the Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon. Michael McCormack MP requesting detailed clarification on the Emergency Drought grant funding criteria and why that criteria excluded Hilltops Council.

Moved Cr B. Ingram / Cr L. Innes

Carried

12.11 CRJO ACTIONS FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

RESOLVED

1. *That follow up letters be sent to Ministers in relation to the issues raised in their presentations at the Ministerial meetings of 17 October 2019 and be delegated to the Executive Officer and GMAG.*
2. *That the list of issues to be raised be circulated to all Mayors for their confirmation.*

Moved Cr B. Kirk / Cr K. McBain

Carried

13. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

Nil

14. RESOLVING INTO THE BOARD

Not applicable.

15. ADOPTION OF DECISION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Not applicable.

16. CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 3:28pm.