



SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

(Section 5.28 Local Government Act 1995)

AGENDA

A Special Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Plantagenet will be held at the Plantagenet District Hall, Memorial Road, Mount Barker on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.30pm

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following matter:

Development of a formal Shire of Plantagenet policy regarding mining and mineral exploration to include a defined mining exclusion zone in selected areas of high value for future tourism development and environmental significance.

Each elector is entitled to one vote, but voting is not compulsory.


Julian Murphy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MANNER OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

In accordance with section 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the President is to preside at a Special Meeting of Electors.

The President in accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, has determined the meeting procedure to be followed as set out below:

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register at the entry to the venue, including providing name and address.
2. Only Electors of the Shire of Plantagenet may participate in a vote or speak at the meeting.
3. No audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
4. During the conduct of business, questions or statements may only relate to the purpose of the Special Electors' Meeting and will be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
5. To ensure the efficient conduct of the meeting, participants must be concise and behave in a respectful manner.
6. Speakers must clearly give their name and address each time they speak.
7. All speakers are limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Extension of time is permissible only with the agreement of the Presiding Member.

Motions:

1. Motions have been provided by the representative of the Electors nominated on the Request for a Special Meeting of Electors as outlined in this Agenda.
2. Motions may be taken from the floor only at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
3. The Presiding Member will call for a mover and a seconder for a motion.
4. When a motion is being proposed, each speaker is to address the Chair.
5. Only Electors of the Shire of Plantagenet may move or second a motion.
6. No motion or amendment is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one amendment on any one motion shall be received at a time and the amendment shall be dealt with before any further amendment can be received.
7. When a motion is being debated, the Presiding Member will call for speakers to address the Chair.
8. When addressing the meeting a person is to:
 - a. Rise unless unable to do so;
 - b. State their name and address; and
 - c. Address the meeting through the Presiding Member.
9. The mover of a motion (but not the mover of an amendment) has the right of reply, and this closes the debate.

10. The Presiding Member will then ask for a vote on the motion on the floor.
11. Each elector is entitled to one vote, but voting is not compulsory.
12. Voting is determined by a show of hands.
13. Motions will be carried by a simple majority.

Minutes:

Minutes of this meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public at a later date. Any motions arising from the meeting requiring action will be presented to the next available Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member will open the meeting.

The Shire of Plantagenet acknowledges the traditional custodians of our area and their continuing connection to the land and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Menang Noongar community and their culture; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members Present:

In Attendance:

Apologies:

3 INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT

The Presiding Member will introduce Elected Members and relevant Local Government Officers who are present at the meeting.

4 MANNER OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

The Presiding Member will outline the manner in which the meeting will be conducted.

5 PRESENTATIONS

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Supporting documentation is attached to this Agenda.

- Ranges Link & Lindesay Link/Gondwana Link - background
- Castle Minerals application history in the Shire of Plantagenet
- Recent mining history, southwest WA

6 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- 6.1 Development of a formal Shire of Plantagenet policy regarding mining and mineral exploration to include a defined mining exclusion zone in selected areas of high value for future tourism development and environmental significance.**

Motion 1

That Council define and adopt a Policy Position regarding mining and mineral exploration to include definition of selected areas of the Shire as being of high value for development and continuance of Agricultural, Viticultural and Nature-based Tourism industries and, that within those areas, mineral exploration and mining activity will be expressly opposed by Council. Such areas to include the Shire's three National Parks and a "Porongurup Tourism Corridor". (The boundaries of the Porongurup Tourism Corridor are defined in supporting documentation).

Motion 2

That The President write to the WA Minister for Mines to state that Council, on behalf of the Electors, strongly oppose the permitting of mineral exploration or mining activities in the Shire's designated areas of high value for Agricultural, Viticultural and Nature-based Tourism industries, including the "Porongurup Tourism Corridor" and the Shire's National Parks, and that such activities would represent inappropriate land uses injurious to the Shire's strategy for long term, sustainable development.

Motion 3

That the CEO assign to a Shire staff member(s) a weekly responsibility to post on the Shire website basic information and maps of all new or revised applications, permits or licences lodged with DMIRS related to proposed mineral exploration or mining activities within the Shire, and, to maintain basic instructions on where and how interested parties can access further detailed information.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING