



MEDIA STATEMENT: TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 2017

Last night the Strathbogie Shire Council finalised item 10.2 (the commencement of the statutory process to reappoint the CEO) in the October 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Notice of Motion moved by Cr Mason and seconded by Cr Little was debated and voted on 4-2, with two Councillors, Cr Swan and Cr Stothers, voting against the motion and four councillors, Cr Mason, Cr Little, Cr McClaren and Cr Williams voting for the motion. Cr Thomson was an apology for the meeting.

The item had been the subject of significant community interest after having been adjourned four times under Section 72(1) and 83 (1) of the Local Law for the Mayor to take legal advice on four different Points of Order.

The Points of Order took precedence over all other business and the adjournments have been crucial in allowing Council the time to seek sound legal advice to ensure proper procedures were followed.

Mayor McClaren explained she found it of the utmost importance to show that Council is following good governance in an open and transparent manner

“Whilst Mr Crawcour’s current contract ends in August 2018, our resolution passed last night was to start the Statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 to reappoint the current CEO without advertising the position for a period of no longer than 18 months from the completion of the current contract. This will provide stability, good governance and community assurance that we are well positioned strategically as a Council,” Cr McClaren said.

Councillor John Mason who moved the Motion stated “I believe under Mr Crawcour’s respected leadership the Strathbogie Shire has maintained a strong financial position and has delivered on all of its requirements under the Local Government Act.”

“The next 18 months will be a time for stability, with a State and possible Federal Elections, a new Local Government Act being introduced and Strathbogie Shire entering into EBA negotiations” concluded Cr Mason.

Closer to the conclusion of this, Council will discuss what our recruitment process will be moving forward.