



**Torres Strait Island**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday 9 March 2017**

Please find attached Minutes of the above meeting held on Thursday 9 March 2017, 11.15 am to 1.05pm, by Teleconference

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**Present**

Cr Fred Gela, Mayor  
Cr Keith Fell, Deputy Mayor, Division 4 – Mabuiag Island  
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan Island  
Cr Keri Akiba, Division 3 – Saibai Island  
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu Island  
Cr David Bosun, Division 6 – Kubin Community at Moa Island  
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Pauls Community at Moa Island  
Cr Getano Lui Jnr, Division 9 – Iama Island  
Cr Clara Tamu, Division 10 - Warraber Island  
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma Island  
Cr Ted Nai, Division 12 – Masig Island  
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar Island  
Cr Patrick Thaiday, Division 14 – Erub Island  
Cr Bob Kaigey, Division 15 – Mer Island

Mr Greg Newman, Senior Advisor, LGAQ (part meeting)

**Apologies**

Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu Island  
Cr Mario Sabatino, Division 8 – Hammond Island

1. **11.15am-11.20am Opening and Welcome**

Mayor Gela welcomed attendees and made opening remarks concerning the purpose of the meeting. He thanked Councillors for their attendance at the meeting

2. **11.20am-11.25am Apologies**

The Mayor noted apologies received and disclosures declared in relation to CEO Recruitment, which will be discussed in Closed Business. Cr Sabatino declared his potential Material Personal Interest and Cr Bosun also declared a potential Conflict of Interest concerning the CEO Recruitment.

- The meeting excepted Cr Bosun to remain in the meeting.
- Cr Sabatino was not in attendance due to his Material Personal Interest (MPI) and therefore did not vote.
- That Council notes the reasons why Cr Sabatino was absent from the meeting.

3. **11.25am – 12.50pm Closed Business**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Nai, *Seconded* Cr Fell,

That in accordance with s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 it is resolved for the meeting to go into closed sessions to discuss

- (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. **12.50pm – 12.55pm Appointment of CEO**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Kaigey, *Seconded* Cr Nona,

That Council move out of Closed Business.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION**

*Moved* Cr Bosun, *Seconded* Cr Tamu

Council repeal the resolution passed at its Ordinary meeting held on 21 February 2017 to appoint Mr Edward Fraser to the role of Chief Executive Officer at Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTION**

*Moved Cr Gela, Seconded Cr Nona*

Mr Ilario Sabatino be appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer of Torres Strait Island Regional Council, and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be delegated the authority to make a formal offer of employment and agree a formal contract of employment with Mr Sabatino as the Chief Executive Officer of Torres Strait Island Regional Council on reasonable terms and conditions. These terms and conditions shall include that the role of Chief Executive Officer will be located in the Torres Strait Region for the term of the contract and state the CEO will be required to perform his duties in the Torres Strait Region unless specifically otherwise approved by the Mayor.

### **MOTION LOST**

Councillors Fell, Elisala, Akiba, Bosun, Levi, Lui, Tamu. Pearson, Nai, Thaiday, Kaigey voted against.

**1.05pm Meeting Closed**