



# AGENDA

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

April 2022

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 09:00am – 10:00am

Video Conference

**COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Agenda Items:**

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| 1. | <u>09:00am – 09:05am</u> | <u>Welcome and Opening Remarks</u>   |
| 2. | <u>09:05am – 09:10am</u> | <u>Apologies</u>   |
| 3. | <u>09:10am – 09:15am</u> | <u>Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)</u> |
| 4. | <u>09:15am – 09:35am</u> | <u>CORPORATE – Change of April OM meeting place</u>                          |
| 5. | <u>09:35am – 09:45am</u> | <u>Closing Remarks and Prayer</u>  |



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## AGENDA REPORT

<b>SPECIAL MEETING:</b>	April 2022
<b>DATE:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>ITEM:</b>	Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Change of April OM meeting place
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Megan Barrett, Executive Director Corporate Services

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### **Recommendation:**

Council resolves to relocate the April 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council from a face-to-face meeting to a meeting conducted via videoconference.

### **Executive Summary:**

Due to the continuing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is considered in the best interests of Councillors, Council Officers and Communities that Council's Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 20 and 21 April 2022 is instead held via videoconference to minimise travel and the associated risk of transmitting COVID-19 in the region.

### **Background:**

At Council's Ordinary Meeting in March 2022, Council resolved to hold the April 2022 Ordinary Meeting face-to-face, at a location to be determined.

Following that resolution, advice was received that COVID continues to spread across communities in the Torres Strait region and some communities are struggling to look after their own and would find it challenging to accommodate guests in a safe environment.

Noting a continuing duty of care to TSIRC employees and a commitment to keep our communities safe, it has been agreed that it would be most appropriate to convene the April 2022 Ordinary meeting by videoconference.

### **Comment:**

Holding Council meetings via videoconference is consistent with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 277B.

Noting that Council is balancing its commitment to safety with its commitment to be accessible and visible in communities, Council may wish to consider changing the June 2022 Ordinary Meeting, which is currently scheduled as a videoconference meeting, to a face-to-face meeting at a location to be determined.

### **Considerations**

#### Risk Management

It is considered appropriate risk mitigation to convene the meeting by videoconference.

## Council Finance

No cost associated with relocation to videoconference.

### **Consultation:**

- Mayor
- Chief Executive Officer

### **Links to Strategic Plans:**

This proposal strategically aligns to specific delivery objectives under the People and Sustainability pillars of Council's Corporate Plan.

### **Statutory Requirements:**

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

### **Conclusion:**

Council resolves to relocate the April 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council from a face-to-face meeting to a meeting conducted via videoconference.



**Recommended:**  
Megan Barrett  
Executive Director Corporate Services



**Approved:**  
James William  
Chief Executive Officer