



CONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2026
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2026**

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Ian Carroll
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Seven Ryan
Cr. Ian Tincknell

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Alan Clark, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Miss. Gemma Bethel, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.04am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRAYER

“We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our Shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen”.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Hughes has a prescribed conflict of interest in agenda item 2 – 2025 DRFA Road Package 1-8

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

1. Delegations from Council to CEO Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Register of Delegations was last comprehensively reviewed in 2017 and has been identified by external auditors on numerous occasions as requiring review to ensure compliance with legislative and governance obligations. The revised Register has been developed using the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) model delegations, prepared in partnership with King & Company Solicitors, together with advice from the Department and the LGMA Governance Advisory Service (GAS), to ensure Council's delegations framework reflects current legislation, contemporary governance practices and appropriate decision-making responsibilities.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegate the powers contained in the Register of Delegations to the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the limitations and conditions contained within the Register.
2. Adopt the updated Register of Delegations as presented.
3. Note that the Register of Delegations has been reviewed in accordance with sections 257 and 260 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.
4. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to maintain the Register of Delegations in accordance with legislative requirements.
5. Undertake a formal review of the Register of Delegations annually, with interim reviews undertaken as required following legislative amendments or governance advice.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.01
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr. Hughes has a prescribed conflict of interest - Closed Session Agenda

- Item No: 2
Subject: 2025 DRFA Road Package 1-8

ATTENDANCE

Cr Hughes left the meeting at 9:16am

Cr Royes became the Chair of the meeting at 9:16am

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 9:22am, pursuant to section 254J (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss the following item:

- 2025 DRFA Road Packages 1-8

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.02
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ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:41am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 11:01am

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:31pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 12:56pm

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 1:03pm

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.03
4/0

2. 2025 DRFA Road Packages 1-8

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is presented with the recommended tender outcomes for 2025 DRFA Road Packages 1 to 8, comprising essential restoration works required under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Delaney Civil Construction Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-005 being 2025 DRFA Package 1 - Zone 1 South.
2. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Delaney Civil Construction Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-006 being 2025 DRFA Package 2 - Abingdon Downs Road.

3. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Gulf Civil Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-007 being 2025 DRFA Package 3 - Zone 1 North.
4. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Durack Civil Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-008 being 2025 DRFA Package 4 - Zone 3 & Town Streets.
5. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by MC Group Qld Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-009 being 2025 DRFA Package 5 - Zone 4 & Zone 5.
6. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Hiesler Contracting for Contract ESC 2026-016 being 2025 DRFA Package 6 - Zone 2 & Undara, Yaramulla.
7. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Halloran & Sons Earthmoving for Contract ESC 2026-017 being 2025 DRFA Package 7 - Einasleigh, Beverley Hills, Goldsmith, Ellendale.
8. Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Unyte Eastern Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-018 being 2025 DRFA Package 8 - Agate Creek, Ortona, Gilberton (South).
9. Delegate authority to the CEO in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contracts, finalise and negotiate any and all matters relating to this contract and each package subject to normal procurement practices and policies.
10. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

That Council consider each 2025 DRFA Packages 1-8 individually, including the addition of contingency costings being 10%.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.04
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Delaney Civil Construction Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-005 being 2025 DRFA Package 1 - Zone 1 South for amount of \$3,558,189.82 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.05
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Delaney Civil Construction Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-006 being 2025 DRFA Package 2 - Abingdon Downs Road for amount of \$4,227,065.90 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.06
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Gulf Civil Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-007 being 2025 DRFA Package 3 - Zone 1 North.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Council resolve to lay the above matter on the table pending TMR contracts, to be presented at the July General meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.07
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Durack Civil Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-008 being 2025 DRFA Package 4 - Zone 3 & Town Streets for amount of \$4,348,964.94 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.08
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VOTE

Against: Cr Ryan

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by MC Group Qld Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-009 being 2025 DRFA Package 5 - Zone 4 & Zone 5 for amount of \$3,627,560.62 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.09
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Hiesler Contracting for Contract ESC 2026-016 being 2025 DRFA Package 6 - Zone 2 & Undara, Yaramulla for amount of \$3,542,436.48 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.10
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Halloran & Sons Earthmoving for Contract ESC 2026-017 being 2025 DRFA Package 7 - Einasleigh, Beverley Hills, Goldsmith, Ellendale for amount of \$2,090,074.46 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.11
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Unyte Eastern Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-018 being 2025 DRFA Package 8 - Agate Creek, Ortona, Gilberton (South).

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

LOST
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Deputy Mayor Royes used her casting vote to vote against.

VOTE

Against: Cr Royes and Cr Carroll

STATEMENT OF REASON

In accordance with section 254 (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and section 4c of Etheridge Shire Councils Procurement Policy, Council consider an alternative tenderer to encourage the development of competitive local business within the North Queensland region.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by Jpd Constructions Nq Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2026-018 being 2025 DRFA Package 8 - Agate Creek, Ortona, Gilberton (South) for amount of \$4,244,789.32 (Ex-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.12
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

1. Delegate authority to the CEO in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contracts, for the 2025 DRFA Packages 1-2 and 4-8 finalise and negotiate any and all matters relating to this contract and each package subject to normal procurement practices and policies.
2. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP26.06.13
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1:34pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th July 2026.

Cr. Laurell Royes
DEPUTY MAYOR