



AGENDA

Special Council Meeting Wednesday, 1 September 2021

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 1 September 2021

Time: 11am

**Location: Council Chambers
23 West Street
Mount Isa**

**David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRYAcknowledgement of Country

Mount Isa City Council acknowledges the Kalkadoon and the Indjilandji people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Recording of Council Meeting

Please note this Special Meeting of Mount Isa City Council may be live streamed and recorded in accordance with Council's 'Recording of Council Meetings Policy'.

As a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded.

By remaining in Chambers, it is assumed your consent is given if your image is inadvertently broadcast.

2 COUNCIL OF CLERGY PRAYER**3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

5 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**5.1 EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR WATER RATES PAYMENTS****Document Number:** 747929**Author:** Manager Finance and Information Technology**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**Directorate:** Executive Services**Portfolio:** Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Rates notices have been received late due to increased postage time from Melbourne to Mount Isa. The motion proposes an extension of time to Friday 24 September 2021 for due date or water rate notices.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mount Isa City Council extend the due date for water rate notices to Friday 24 September 2021.

BACKGROUND

Mount Isa City Council (MICC) set the date for rate notices and deliver the data to the printers in Melbourne. The notices are proofed by email, printed in Melbourne then mailed to the property owners. The current water rates were dated 4 August but were received by residents on 25 August. The legislative requirement under the Local Government Regulations 2012 section 118 (2) (a) is that ratepayers must be given 30 days to pay and that it must be the same date for all ratepayers. Only Council by way of a resolution can set this date.

This is likely to be an ongoing issue, namely with the delay in processing postage from Melbourne to Mount Isa, albeit that this instance has been further influenced due to COVID restrictions. In the future Mount Isa City Council will adjust the reading and issue dates accordingly.

The alternative is not to extend the date and charge interest on unpaid accounts. In law the notice period is usually deemed to be from the date the notices were posted, not received. This approach would not foster good relations between Mount Isa City Council and the community it serves.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The change of dates will affect cash flow but not the financial results of Mount Isa City Council. The delay to receipt of revenue is not considered significant

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	5.	Ethical & Inclusive Governance
Strategy:	5.3	Develop and implement customer focused policies and processes in keeping with Council's commitment to customer service

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

No consultation is required, the change in dates will be communicated to the public by way of Councils facebook page and other media activities.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 118 (2) (a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 applies.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The delay to cash flow is minimal.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Mount Isa City Council extend the due date for water rate notices to Friday 24 September 2021

Or

THAT Mount Isa City Council does not extend the due date for water rate notices to Friday 24 September 2021

ATTACHMENTS

Nil