



AGENDA

Special Council Meeting Monday, 20 December 2021

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

Date: Monday, 20 December 2021

Time: 12pm

**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.

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2 PRAYER**3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****5 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

6 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**6.1 CORRESPONDENCE TO QUEENSLAND PREMIER REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES****Document Number:** 755602**Author:** Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer**Directorate:** Executive Services**Portfolio:** Executive Services**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is invited to endorse correspondence to The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland regarding public health directives.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse correspondence to The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland regarding public health directives.

BACKGROUND

The pandemic has had an influence on the business community over a sustained period. Supply chains have slowed and the number of casual staff that work in hospitality has reduced significantly due to border closures and travel restrictions.

OVERVIEW

Council has received feedback from local businesses in relation to the challenges being faced by them as part of the pandemic. Businesses are concerned with being unable to source labour or employees due to some of the Queensland Public Health directives. Additionally, the businesses are worried that some of these directives may limit where unvaccinated people can eat and drink, therefore impacting on profit margins and financial sustainability. Furthermore, some of the businesses are concerned about the check in process and the need to train staff appropriately.

Mount Isa City Council has prepared correspondence addressed to the Premier requesting support be provided to small and medium businesses.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.1	Continue to monitor and stay informed about matters that affect the community

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

- Elected Members

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

NII

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NII

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Proper consideration has been given to all human rights relevant as per Council's Human Rights Policy.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council endorse correspondence to The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland regarding public health directives.

Or

THAT Council does not endorse correspondence to The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland regarding public health directives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 20.12.2021 - Letter to Premier of Queensland - Covid Directive - Draft [↓](#) 

From the Office of the Mayor
Cr Danielle Slade



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20 December 2021

The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Premier of Queensland
1 William Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Premier,

Mount Isa City Council recognizes the challenges being faced by local businesses in relation to the severe shortage of labour and the need to comply with Queensland Public Health Directives in a relatively short period of time.

Whilst Mount Isa is located in a remote part of Queensland, the issues being experienced by local businesses are not dissimilar to others operating west of the Great Dividing Range, however the level of remoteness at times compounds the challenges. Mount Isa City Council welcomes the funding that has been channelled into small and medium businesses by the State and Federal Governments thus far and trusts that State and Federal Government will continue to provide funding and resources that will assist in attracting more people to the region.

Mount Isa City Council will wherever possible promote local business and encourage people to buy local, as per the Commerce Northwest initiative. Additionally, Council will encourage local businesses to be involved in events such as Great Australian Bites which is occurring on 26 January 2022. Council will continue to work on both the delivery and construction of the Centennial Place project, as well as the Central Business District Masterplan. Council's Economic Development Officer will continue to engage with small businesses and look for opportunities to deal with issues such as labour shortages and training in a collaborative manner with TAFE and young school leavers.

Mount Isa City Council wishes to express its thanks to the Premier and her government for keeping Queenslanders safe during these uncertain times.

Council would request that the Premier carefully consider the impact of current and future Public Health Directives on small and medium businesses, noting that all actions must be undertaken in the broader public context.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 4747 3200.

Yours faithfully

Cr Danielle Slade
Her Worship Mayor of Mount Isa

7 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

7.1 Family Fun Precinct Redevelopment Stage 2 - Skate Bowl Redevelopment Project

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - c and e of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget and contracts proposed to be made by it.

7.2 Office of the Independent Assessor Complaint Referral

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - h of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.
