

Shire of Moora
Special Council Meeting
30th October 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Elected Member

A Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Moora
will be held on **Wednesday 30th October 2024**
in the Council Chambers, 34 Padbury Street, Moora
commencing at **5.30 pm**

The purpose of the meeting:

For Council to consider and adopt its proposed new Renewable Energy Facilities, Associated Transmission and Storage Infrastructure and Future Technologies policy; and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publish the policy.



GW Robins
Chief Executive Officer

29 October 2024

The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

Our vision is:

Shire of Moora - a vibrant, affordable Regional Centre with a growing, caring community.

Mission

Our mission is:

To provide the leadership, services and infrastructure that will meet the needs of the community and surrounds.

SHIRE OF MOORA

WRITTEN DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Moora
PO Box 211
MOORA WA 6510

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Written Declaration of Interest in Matter Before Council

I, ⁽¹⁾ _____ wish to declare an interest in the following item to be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on ⁽²⁾ _____.

Agenda Item ⁽³⁾ _____

The type of interest I wish to declare is: ⁽⁴⁾

- Financial pursuant to Section 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995
- Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995
- Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995
- Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.

The nature of my interest is ⁽⁵⁾

The extent of my interest is ⁽⁶⁾

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and recorded by the Chief Executive Officer in an appropriate Register.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

Date

1. Insert your name.
2. Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item is to be considered.
3. Insert the Agenda Item Number and Title.
4. Tick box to indicate type of interest.
5. Describe the nature of your interest.
6. Describe the extent of your interest (if seeking to participate in the matter under S. 5.68 of the Act).

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SHIRE OF MOORA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
30 OCTOBER 2024
COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

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I. DECLARATION OF OPENING**I.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING****Acknowledgement of Country**

The Shire of Moora acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Yued people, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

I.2 DISCLAIMER READING

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

DV Clydesdale-Gebert - Councillor

APOLOGIES

Cr T Lefroy

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**4. PROPOSED NEW LOCAL PLANNING POLICY - RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES, ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES**

FILE REFERENCE: ED/RENI & TP/TPSI

REPORT DATE: 29 October 2024

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Shire of Moora

OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: 21/8/2024 (64/24)

AUTHOR: Gavin Robins, Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 – Proposed Local Planning Policy No. 1
Attachment 2 – Public Submissions received

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Council to resolve to adopt the proposed new Renewable Energy Facilities, Associated Transmission and Storage Infrastructure and Future Technologies policy and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publish the policy.

BACKGROUND AND COMMENT

At its Ordinary Meeting of 21 August 2024 Council resolved:

64/24 Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advertise for public comment the proposed Renewable Energy Facilities, Associated Transmission and Storage Infrastructure and Future Technologies Policy in accordance with Regulatory requirements.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

This report is to INITIATE the process required to formally adopt the following proposed new local planning policy in accordance with the procedural requirements of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*:

Local Planning Policy No.1 – Renewable Energy Facilities, Associated Transmission and Storage Infrastructure and Future Technologies policy.

The purpose of the new policy is to:

provide direction and guidance as to the definition and substance required for development approval for the construction and activation of Renewable Energy Facilities, Associated Transmission and Storage Infrastructure and Future Technologies on all 'Rural' zoned land in the Shire's municipal district used for extensive agricultural purposes.

Following completion of the mandatory twenty-one (21) day public advertising process, three submissions were received by the Shire within the specified time period; one submission was received outside the specified period. One submission expressly endorsed the proposed new policy while three others accepted or opposed individual sections of the proposed new policy.

In view of this outcome, it is reasonable to conclude the local community is generally satisfied with the proposed policy and does not have any compelling objections to their final adoption and use by the Shire when dealing with proposals relating to the direct relevance of the policy.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council resolve to adopt the policy and authorise the Shire's Chief Executive Officer to publish a copy of the policy on the Shire's website pursuant to the specific requirements of clause 4(4), Part 2 and clause 87, Part 12, Schedule 2 (Deemed Provisions) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* at which point they will have full legal effect.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- *Planning and Development Act 2005 (as amended)*
- *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*
- Shire of Moora Local Planning Scheme No.4

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate policy implications aside from introducing the new local planning policy as proposed which, if adopted by Council as recommended, will help guide future decision making by the Shire and create greater certainty for local landowners and developers.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Completed in accordance with the specific requirements of clause 4(4), Part 2 and clause 87, Part 12, Schedule 2 (Deemed Provisions) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days with three (3) submissions received before the closure of the formal consultation period and one submission received after the formal close of consultation.

The proposed policy reflects in red adjustments made in recognition to community feedback received during the consultation period.

Any future possible amendments to the policy, or any decision by Council to revoke them, must also be advertised for public comment in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil immediate financial implications for the Shire aside from the administrative costs associated with preparing, adopting and advertising the proposed policy which are provided for in Council's annual budget for town planning related matters.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The proposed new local planning policy is consistent with the following elements of the *Shire of Moora Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*

Outcome 2.3 Sustainable climate practices

Strategy 2.3.1: Consider the impact of the addition of renewable energy sources

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. Adopt the following new local planning policy without modification:

Local Planning Policy No.1 – Renewable Energy Facilities, Associated Transmission and Storage Infrastructure and Future Technologies policy.

And

2. Authorise the Shire's Chief Executive Officer to publish a copy of the policy on the Shire's website pursuant to the specific requirements of clause 4(4), Part 2 and clause 87, Part 12, Schedule 2 (Deemed Provisions) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING