



Special Meeting of Council Agenda

Wednesday, 27 February 2019

6:00PM

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

Notice of Meeting of Council
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 59
of the Local Government Act

1. Welcome to the Country

I am honoured to be on the ancestral lands of Katherine's Aboriginal peoples. I acknowledge the First Australians as the traditional custodians of the continent, whose cultures are among the oldest living cultures in human history. I pay respect to the Elders of the community and extend my recognition to their descendants who are present.

2. Opening Prayer

Grant O God to this Council wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose in the Governance of this Municipality. Amen

3. Present

4. Apologies and Leave of Absence

5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

6. Reports of Officers

6.1 Nomination for LGANT Representative to the Northern Territory Planning

Commission _____ 1 - 5

7. Meeting Close



FOLDER: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Representatives on Committee
MEETING: SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – 27 FEBRUARY 2019
REPORT TITLE: NOMINATION FOR LGANT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING COMMISSION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek endorsement for the nomination of the CEO (Robert Jennings) to the Northern Territory Planning Commission as the LGANT representative.

BACKGROUND

On the 7 January 2019, the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Eva Lawler, requested the Local Government Association for the Northern Territory (LGANT) to provide a nominee to represent them in the next term of the Northern Territory Planning Commission (NTPC).

The NTPC is an independent statutory authority which plays an important role in setting the strategic framework for integrated land use, transport and infrastructure planning in the Territory. The Commission aims to deliver more sustainable and cost-effective outcomes for the community, whilst still maintaining environmental and heritage values.

The *Planning Act* requires the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to appoint a number of members to the Planning Commission, including one representative of the Local Government Association. Government policy is that this be a non-elected member.

My current term as the LGANT representative to the NTPC is due to expire on 11 July 2019. Minister Lawler has confirmed that I am eligible to renominate to the position for the upcoming term. I wish to advise that I would like to renominate as the LGANT Representative.

I believe I have relevant experience for the position, including:

- Registered Architect and have practiced as an Architect/ Urban Design for a decade in Western Australia in architectural, urban design and developer organisations. I have worked with a number of medium sized entities, as well as in my own private practiced and have lectured/ tutored at Curtin University for third and fourth students in Urban Design.
- Local Government knowledge over 10 years in the role of CEO and General Manager across three states. In Victoria I worked as the Local Government General Manager for Planning/ Building/ Sustainability/ Economic Development/ Compliance for two years.
- I have good sustainability knowledge from working in a sustainable land development firm for four years, taking on projects that involved wind and solar energy generation, black and grey water systems, recycling, water conservation and many other measures. Regional and urban knowledge from roles in both locations involving planning issues.
- Project Management knowledge from setting up and using a comprehensive system for projects of up to \$140M at one time to meet stakeholders, scope, budget, risk and time factors.
- International and cultural experience from living in over seven countries.



- Two years of NT Planning Committee experience to date where I have been successful in providing considered input to the process as one of only two architect/ urban design professionals on the committee as well as conducting interviews with various LGANT representatives that have led to a series of strategic tasks being endorsed by the Committee for action

With my current experience on the Commission, regional representation and background as an architect/ urban designer, I believe I am well placed to continue to provide the appropriate levels of representation to the NTPC as the LGANT representative and I seek your endorsement on the continuation of my role on this Commission.

However, should I be unsuccessful with this renomination as the LGANT representative, I seek your further endorsement to nominate as a Community representative of the NTPC.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be recommended to Council that:

1. Council support the nomination of Robert Jennings as the LGANT representative on the Northern Territory Planning Commission.
2. The LGANT nomination form be completed and returned to LGANT prior to 8 March 2019.
3. Council support the nomination of Robert Jennings as a Community representative to the NTPC, in the event that his nomination as LGANT representative is unsuccessful.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Jennings', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Jennings
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Schedule of Attachments: LGANT nomination form
Letter to LGANT from the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN
TERRITORY

NOMINATION FORM

NT PLANNING COMMISSION



COUNCIL NAME:

1. Agreement to be nominated

I, _____ agree to be nominated as a member of the
(full name)

NT PLANNING COMMISSION.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Council Confirmation of Nomination

I, _____ the Chief Executive Officer

hereby confirm that _____

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the **NT PLANNING COMMISSION** at a meeting held on / /2019.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. Nominee's Contact Details

Email address: _____

Phone No: _____

4. Nominee Information

The following information is required to enable the Executive to make an informed decision. If you want to submit further information please attach it to this form.

4.1 What is your current council position? _____

4.2 How long have you held your current council position? _____

4.3 Please list your educational qualifications:

4.4 What experience do you have that is relevant to this committee?

4.6 Apart from your current position what other experience have you had in local government?

5. You agree to supply the Executive with a report on the committee meetings you attend?

I agree I Disagree

6. Have you read and agree to the Outside Committee procedures

Yes



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Mr Tony Tapsell
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr ^{Tony}Tapsell

I am seeking a nomination for a representative of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory to join the board of the NT Planning Commission.

The Northern Territory Planning Commission is an independent statutory authority. The Planning Commission plays an important role in setting the strategic framework for integrated land use, transport and infrastructure planning in the Territory; while working to deliver more sustainable and cost-effective outcomes for the community that reflect environmental and heritage values.

The *Planning Act* requires the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to appoint a number of members to the Planning Commission, including one representative of the Local Government Association. Government's policy is for members of the Commission to be non-elected representatives.

Mr Robert Jennings is the current Local Government Association representative to the Planning Commission. Mr Jennings' term of appointment to the Planning Commission is due to expire on 11 July 2019.

It is noted that the *Planning Act* does not prevent the Local Government Association from re-nominating the current representative, if they so choose.

An appropriate nominee to the Planning Commission would be a person with demonstrated expertise or a special interest in the continuing growth and development of the Northern Territory, consistent with good planning principles.

Please advise of your nominated representative by 29 March 2019.

Yours sincerely

EVA LAWLER

7 JAN 2019



