

MRRR 8 – RAMROC WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following RAMROC Working Group Minutes:-

- 8.1 Murray Waste Group Meeting – 2nd August 2017
- 8.2 Riverina Waste Group Meeting - 20th September 2017
- 8.3 RAMROC Planners Group Meeting – 31st August 2017
- 8.4 RAMROC Engineers Group Meeting – 19th October 2017
- 8.5 RAMROC General Managers Group Meeting – 20th October 2017

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the RAMROC Working Groups be received and that the actions taken therein be endorsed
(Moved Carrathool and seconded Murray River)**

MRRR 9 – GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

9.1 – NSW Government Fit for the Future – Establishment of Voluntary Joint Organisations

Consideration was given to a joint media announcement on 3rd November 2017 by the Deputy Premier the Hon John Barilaro MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, indicating that the NSW Government will shortly introduce new laws under the Local Government Act to allow Councils in regional NSW to voluntarily create new Joint Organisations to commence in July 2018.

The Office of Local Government has set out a series of next steps and a proposed timetable, the objective being that new Joint Organisations will be ready to start in July 2018. OLG has indicated that it is available to facilitate and support consultations across all regional areas if requested to do so.

In July 2016, RAMROC workshopped potential options for the Riverina Murray region, which canvassed the strengths and weaknesses of three potential options – these being:-

Option 1 - one large JO embracing the whole of the Riverina Murray region

Option 2 - two JOs – generally in accord with the existing REROC and RAMROC boundaries – a Riverina JO and a Murray Murrumbidgee JO (MAMJO)

Option 3 -four JOs – comprising a Riverina JO, an Upper Murray JO, a Mid-Murray JO and a Murrumbidgee JO

At that stage, option 2 was adopted as the preferred model, i.e. the establishment of a Murray Murrumbidgee Joint Organisation.

**RESOLVED that in the first instance the Chair and Executive Officer meet with the REROC Chair and Executive Officer, in order to canvass REROC's position in relation to the potential option of having one large JO comprising the whole of the Riverina Murray. Further, that during December a further workshop be held and facilitated by OLG to examine potential Joint Organisation options
(Moved Federation and seconded Edward River)**

9.2 - Water NSW – Customer Advisory Groups for the Murray and Murrumbidgee River Systems

Cr Paul Maytom referred to his position as the RAMROC representative on the Murrumbidgee System Customer Advisory Group, which came into effect on 1st July 2017. He advised that the rules of the CAGs do not permit the distribution of meeting minutes, although there is a Water NSW summary of issues considered, to enable representatives to provide feedback to their nominating organisations.

The Executive Officer will submit a report to the February 2018 RAMROC meeting, clarifying the charter and functions of the Customer Advisory Groups for both the Murray and Murrumbidgee Systems and the mechanisms which enable information feedback to stakeholder organisations and communities.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.04 pm