



Council Chambers,
BERRIGAN. 2712

Sir/Madam,

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Berrigan will be held in the **Council Chambers**, Berrigan, on **24th June, 2015 commencing at 5.30 pm**, to consider and order upon the Council's Fit for the Future Submission.:-

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ROWAN PERKINS
GENERAL MANAGER



Extraordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday, 24th June, 2015

BUSINESS PAPER

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AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Ensure effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO:

RECOMMENDATION: - that the Council:

- A. adopt the following documents and submit its Fit for the Future submission and supporting documents to IPART by 30th June 2015:
 1. Council Improvement Proposal (Existing Structure)
 2. Fit For the Future Detailed Action Plan
 3. Fit for the Future: Options Analysis and Comparison Report (SGS Economics and Planning – April 2015)
 4. Strategic Service Delivery Review: Review of Berrigan Shire Council Scale and Capacity – June 2015
 5. Internal Business Case Jerilderie and Berrigan Merger (February 2015)
 6. Community Engagement Report – Fit for the Future (June 2015)

Items requiring Council Resolution

- B. Further refine its submission and supporting documents if new information is available before it is formally submitted.**
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REPORT:

As Councillors may be aware, staff have been developing the Council's Fit for the Future submission.

While the Council has been involved in this and has seen draft documents at various stages, the process is now to the point where the Council needs to formally review these and determine whether they meet its needs in terms of making the best submission that it can.

The submission and supporting documents reflect the Council's preferred position to stand alone and continue as the Berrigan Shire Council into the future.

The Council's adopted position reflected its earlier review of strategic capacity, Fit for the Future financial benchmarks and both the internal and independent businesses cases that considered the merger proposal and the stand alone option.

It can be seen from the Community Engagement Report that the community almost universally reflects the Council's preferred position.

If the Council is of the opinion that the submission and its supporting documents accurately reflect its position then it should formally adopt these and submit these to IPART by 30th June 2015.

Development of the Council's submission has been extremely time consuming however I believe it has been a worthwhile exercise. I particularly thank Jo Ruffin, Matt Hansen and Carla von Brockhusen for their significant contributions to the project. The co-operation of Jerilderie Shire Council in developing the merged Council business case was also appreciated.

It is quite clear from the development of the submission that all of the facts continue to support the Council's position that the stand alone option reflects the best possible outcome for the community over the long term.

Copy of the submission itself and the supporting documents are attached to this agenda for consideration.

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