



**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA
ORDINARY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Notice is given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Tiwi Islands Regional Council will be held on:

- Wednesday, 24 September 2014 at
- Milikapiti
- Commencing at 10:00am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

**Alan Hudson
Chief Executive Officer**

AGENDA

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REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER	6.3
TITLE	Review of Electoral Representation
REFERENCE	149375
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Council is provided with an update on progress of the review of Electoral Representation which needs to be completed by no later than 31 March 2015.

BACKGROUND

A Council must conduct a review at least once in the Council's term (every 4 years), and must be completed at least 12 months prior to the next scheduled Local Government General Elections which are set for March 2016.

The purpose of a review of electoral representation is to assess whether the Council's constitutional arrangements provide the most effective possible representation for residents in the Council's area.

The information paper previously provided to Council at the February Ordinary Council Meeting (held on 11 March 2014) outlines what is assessed in the review and what needs to be considered by Council – for example (Ward representation, Ward Boundaries, Consultation with residents & NTEC, NTEC voter enrolment data, ABS population growth trends etc).

At the 30 April 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting Council endorsed seeking comments from each of the new Local Authorities and then preparing an update report for Council.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Council must have this review completed by 31 March 2015 which is now approximately 6 months away.

Consultation with the newly formed Local Authorities has been completed over the last three months.

- Local Authority Meeting – Milikapiti – 24 June 2014
- Special Local Authority Meeting – Wurrumiyanga – 22 August 2014
- Local Authority Meeting – Pirlangimpi – 26 August 2014

The Electoral Representation Review is being co-ordinated in house and the NTEC has recently provided updated enrolment data by Ward. Population statistics and demographic information has also been sourced from the ABS.

Maps of the current Tiwi Islands Ward boundaries were made available to Local Authority members for information as part of the review.

We have prepared a summary document (A3 size) of the Local Authority consultations and this will be handed out on the day to Councillors.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Following today's meeting it is recommended to Council that we prepare a Discussion Paper and then advertise for 28 days seeking any further comments from the public.

A Public Notice in the NT News will be submitted calling for comments on the Discussion Paper (open for 28 days).

Following the 28 day advertising period a final report will then be provided to Council for endorsement and approval.

Council must submit a report to the Minister who can either accept or reject Council's recommendations, and can be submitted prior to 31 March 2015.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

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| <u>Step 1.</u> | Council endorses the progress report (OCM 24 Sept 2014) |
| <u>Step 2.</u> | CEO to prepare "TIRC Electoral Rep.Review" discussion paper |
| <u>Step 3.</u> | Advertise discussion paper in NT News calling for written submissions |
| <u>Step 4.</u> | Prepare final report for Council (17 December OCM) |
| <u>Step 5.</u> | Collate and submit final Council Report to the Minister (before 31 March 2015). |

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council :

- 1. Endorses the progress report to 24 September 2014 , and**
- 2. Approves for a discussion paper to be prepared and advertised in accordance with the timelines above**
- 3. Approves for a final Report to be prepared for the 17 December 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.