



Report of Council Officer to Elected Members in Relation to Constitutional Arrangements

An assessment of the constitutional arrangements was undertaken during the last term of council and a copy is attached for council members' information.

	<p>1. Consideration in accordance with regulation 63(2) and (3) of the <i>Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008</i></p>	<p>Assessment of the effectiveness of constitutional arrangement for electoral representation of the council area</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>63(2)(a) – community interests in the local government area including economic, social and regional interests.</p>	<p>Council assessment: no significant change since last report</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>63(2)(b) – types of communication and travel in the local government area with special reference to disabilities arising out of remoteness or distance.</p>	<p>Council assessment: no significant change since last report</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>63(2)(c) – the trend of population changes in the local government area.</p>	<p>Council assessment: no significant change since last report</p> <p>According to ABS census data the population of the Tiwi Islands Local Government Area has declined from 2580 in 2011 to 2453 in 2016.</p> <p>Overall this is a relatively steady population trend with residents regularly moving between communities and the mainland.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>63(2)(d) – the density of population in the local government area</p>	<p>Council assessment: no significant change since last review.</p>

		<p>The primary population is densely located in the main community of each ward – that is Wurrumiyanga (Bathurst Island Ward), Milikapiti (Milikapiti Ward) and Pirlangimpi (Pirlangimpi Ward). There are some small population groups living at outstations such as Ranku, Putjamirra, Four Mile, Takapimiliyi and Condor Point. Pickertaramoor and Taracumbi are the other places where a small number of people live within the local government area.</p>																																
5.	63(2)(e) – the physical features of the local government area	<p>Council assessment: no significant change since last report</p> <p>The previous assessment of constitutional arrangements was completely prior to the Wurankuwu Ward merging with the Nguiu Ward and becoming the Bathurst Island Ward.</p> <p>Note: Suggested for Pickertaramoor to come under Bathurst Island ward.</p>																																
6.	63(3)(a) – the desirability of the number of electors for each ward being as near to equal as practicable at the next general election.	<p>Council assessment: no significant change since last report.</p> <p>Enrolled voters and voter ratios as at 2016 (statistics provided by NTEC)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="667 1442 1481 1787"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ward</th> <th>Voters enrolled</th> <th>Councillors</th> <th>Voters to councillors ratio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Milikapiti</td> <td>286</td> <td>3</td> <td>95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nguiu</td> <td>1,022</td> <td>5</td> <td>204</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pirlangimpi</td> <td>286</td> <td>3</td> <td>95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wurankuwu</td> <td>25</td> <td>1</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1,619</td> <td>12</td> <td>Average per Councillor = 135</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Current enrolled voters and voter ratios as at 09/04/2020 (statistics provided by NTEC)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="667 1921 1481 2056"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ward</th> <th>Voters enrolled</th> <th>Councillors</th> <th>Voters to councillors ratio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Milikapiti</td> <td>295</td> <td>3</td> <td>98</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ward	Voters enrolled	Councillors	Voters to councillors ratio	Milikapiti	286	3	95	Nguiu	1,022	5	204	Pirlangimpi	286	3	95	Wurankuwu	25	1	25	Total	1,619	12	Average per Councillor = 135	Ward	Voters enrolled	Councillors	Voters to councillors ratio	Milikapiti	295	3	98
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		Pirlangimpi	262	3	87
		Bathurst Island	1054	6	175
		Total	1611	12	134
		This ratios are consistent with the proposed changes identified in the last report in 2016.			
7.	63(3)(b) – the desirability of keeping the area of each ward containing rural and remote areas as small as practicable.	Council assessment: no significant change since last report.			
8.	63(3)(c) - the desirability of keeping the demographic and geographic nature of each ward as uniform as practicable.	Council assessment: no significant change since last report			
9.	63(3)(d) – the desirability of including an identifiable community wholly within 1 ward if practicable	Council assessment: no significant change since last report			

Having duly considered all matters relevant to the current electoral representation arrangements under the *Local Government Act 2008* and *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008* it is recommended that the current arrangements still provide effective representation of the council area with no changes to the constitutional arrangements for council representation proposed. This report has been compiled in consultation with the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.



Council Chief Executive Officer (sign)

Date: 30 14 20

Proposed motion for council

That Council resolves to approve the report with no changes recommended to the constitutional arrangements for council electoral representation.

This report can now be included in the Council plan in accordance with section 23(2) of the *Local Government Act 2008*.