

Reporting Table

Review of constitutional arrangements for council representation

In accordance with section 23(2) of the *Local Government Act 2008* (Act) councils are required to complete an electoral review during the council term and 12 months before the next general election. The mandatory review is to assess whether the present constitutional arrangements provide the best electoral representation for the local government area of the council.

However, given that this term of council is an unusual one, with new legislation anticipated in the near future, councils have been given the option to consider providing a short report that briefly addresses the matters outline in regulations 63(2) and (3) of the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008*.

Council still has the option to follow a more rigorous process if they wish in complying with their reporting obligations under the Act.

If the intention is for a council to use the simplified process a council officer should follow the guideline steps below.

Guideline steps

- 1 Only use this template where no major changes to electoral representation are required.
- 2 The council officer must read and consider the review of constitutional arrangements completed in the last term of council.
- 3 The council officer should contact the Northern Territory Electoral Commission to obtain electoral enrolment numbers for their local government area. Assistance with enrolment numbers can be obtained by emailing ntec@ntec.gov.au.
- 4 Any questions can be emailed to solomon.gaturu@nt.gov.au or Solomon can be contacted via telephone on 8999 886

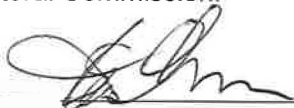
Report of Governance officer to Barkly Regional Council Elected Members in Relation to Constitutional Arrangements

	Consideration in accordance with regulation 63(2) and (3) of the <i>Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008</i>	Assessment of the effectiveness of constitutional arrangement for electoral representation of the council area															
1.	63(2)(a) – community interests in the local government area including economic, social and regional interests.	No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015 (attached)															
2.	63(2)(b) – types of communication and travel in the local government area with special reference to disabilities arising out of remoteness or distance.	No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015 (attached)															
3.	63(2)(c) – the trend of population changes in the local government area.	<p>No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015 (attached)</p> <p>The below data was obtained from the Australia Bureau of Statistics. The information shows that the population of the Barkly Region declined steadily in the 10 year period between 2008 and 2018 from 7773 to 6115. The population of 15-19 year (future registered voters) olds is also declining.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>2008</td><td>2012</td><td>2016</td><td>2018</td></tr><tr><td>Total Population</td><td>7773</td><td>7944</td><td>6153</td><td>6115</td></tr><tr><td>15-19 year olds</td><td>383</td><td>332</td><td>236</td><td>243</td></tr></table>		2008	2012	2016	2018	Total Population	7773	7944	6153	6115	15-19 year olds	383	332	236	243
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4.	63(2)(d) – the density of population in the local government area	<p>No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015 (attached)</p> <p>The population in the Barkly region is still concentrated in the main centres:</p> <p>Alywarr Ward- Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Canteen Creek, Wutunugurra Alpurrurulam- Alpurrurulam main centre</p>															

		<p>Patta- Tennant Creek Kuwarraangu Ward- Elliott</p> <p>A number of electors reside in the communities around the ward with less population density in those communities.</p>																																																
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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>No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015</p> <p>Current enrolled voters and voter ratios the Barkly Region as at 05/05/2020:</p> <table><tr><th>Ward</th><th>Number of Electors</th><th>Number of Members</th><th>Ratios</th></tr><tr><td>Alpurrurulam</td><td>190</td><td>1</td><td>1: 190</td></tr><tr><td>Alyawarr</td><td>1547</td><td>4</td><td>1: 386</td></tr><tr><td>Patta</td><td>1895</td><td>5</td><td>1: 379</td></tr><tr><td>Kuwarraangu</td><td>466</td><td>2</td><td>1: 233</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>4098</td><td>12</td><td>1: 342</td></tr></table> <p>Enrolled voters and voter ratios the Barkly Region per 2015 Electoral Review:</p> <table><tr><th>Ward</th><th>Number of Electors</th><th>Number of Members</th><th>Ratio</th></tr><tr><td>Alpurrurulam</td><td>144</td><td>1</td><td>1:144</td></tr><tr><td>Alyawarr</td><td>1713</td><td>4</td><td>1:428</td></tr><tr><td>Patta</td><td>1948</td><td>5</td><td>1:390</td></tr><tr><td>Kuwarraangu</td><td>500</td><td>2</td><td>1:250</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>4305</td><td>12</td><td>1:359</td></tr></table>	Ward	Number of Electors	Number of Members	Ratios	Alpurrurulam	190	1	1: 190	Alyawarr	1547	4	1: 386	Patta	1895	5	1: 379	Kuwarraangu	466	2	1: 233	Total	4098	12	1: 342	Ward	Number of Electors	Number of Members	Ratio	Alpurrurulam	144	1	1:144	Alyawarr	1713	4	1:428	Patta	1948	5	1:390	Kuwarraangu	500	2	1:250	Total	4305	12	1:359
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8.	63(3)(c) - the desirability of keeping the demographic and geographic nature of each ward as uniform as practicable.	No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015																																																

9.	63(3)(d) – the desirability of including an identifiable community wholly within 1 ward if practicable	No significant change since last the Electoral Review Barkly Regional Council 2015
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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: 8 / 7 / 2020

Proposed motion for council

15.2 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR COUNCIL ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION	
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report b) Approve the report with no changes to the recommended Constitutional arrangements for council representation. <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Moved: Deputy Mayor Hal Ruger</p> <p>Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer</p> <p><i>Resolved</i> OC 1/20</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNAN.</p>	

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