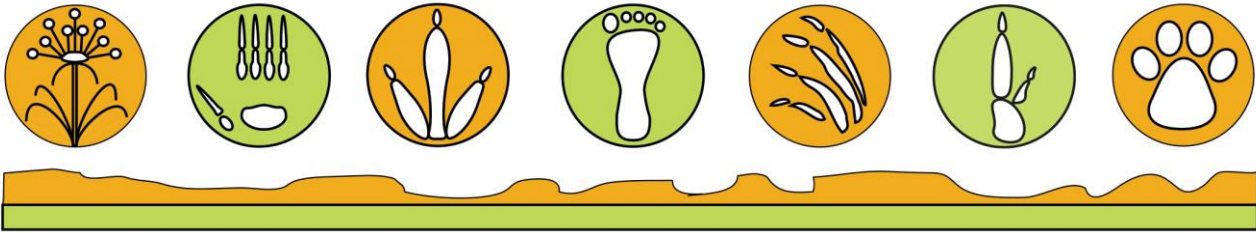


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2017

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 27 April 2017 at 8:30am.

**Chris Wright
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

AGENDA

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER S.1
TITLE Correspondence regarding the Tennant Creek Local Authority
REFERENCE 204741
AUTHOR Marilyn Wright, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

At the Ordinary Council October meeting 2016, the Elected Members voted by majority to request that the Minister consider disbanding the Tennant Creek Local Authority. OC263/16

The Minister for Housing and Community Development response is appended to this report

BACKGROUND

The Council questioned whether there is a need for a Tennant Creek Local Authority, in that the Tennant Creek Local Authority can be regarded as duplicating what is offered to the people of Tennant Creek by having proximity to the Regional Council and its officers.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Letter - Tennant Creek Local Authority - 21.04.2017.pdf



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Mr Chris Wright
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Dear Mr Wright

Thank you for your letters dated 21 November 2016, 5 December 2016 and 27 February 2017, regarding Barkly Regional Council's desire to remove the Tennant Creek Local Authority.

As discussed with all councils at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory conference in Alice Springs, the NT Government has a commitment to work with regional councils to strengthen local authorities and local decision making in regional and remote communities.

While noting that council's resolution was carried by a majority of one, it is not clear what council proposes as an alternative formal mechanism to support the local voice and community participation in Tennant Creek.

Council thinks that foregoing the \$100 000 per annum that the Tennant Creek Local Authority currently receives in project funding would be balanced out by council not paying for meeting fees, meetings and operational costs. The Department of Housing and Community Development's records suggest that the direct costs of meetings of the Tennant Creek Local Authority are estimated to be more in the order of \$10 000 per annum.

Residents of Tennant Creek deserve good representation at the local government level and I do not support the request to remove the Local Authority.

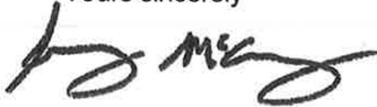
The elections coming up in August will be a good opportunity for the elected members to test their desire to remove the Local Authority with the community and I encourage them to do so.



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I look forward to continue working with Barkly Regional Council to deliver positive outcomes for the Barkly region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry McCarthy', written in a cursive style.

GERRY MCCARTHY

12/04/2017