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**PRESENT** Clr P Batten (in the Chair), Clrs K Beatty, A Rawson, M Nash.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Services, Department Leader Environmental Services, Executive Support Officer

**ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil applications for leave of absence.

EIE 22/24 Carried

**ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Beatty)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

EIE 22/25 Carried

**ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations for political donations.

EIE 22/26 Carried

**ITEM - 4 DRAFT EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN**

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Batten moved an amendment to the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT the committee discuss different emission reduction targets for inclusion in draft Emissions Reduction Plan for consideration by Council.

**AMENDMENT** (Batten/Beatty)

THAT:

1. A report be presented to council on appropriate Carbon Emissions Targets upon council resolving either to proceed or not proceed with

- the proposed Mid-Scale Solar Project. This report should include analysis of potential carbon offsets to reduce CO2 emission impacts;
2. A future report be on the development of an Electric Vehicle Transition plan for council including likely budget requirements be presented to council;
  3. The committee notes the information regarding the procurement of an electric mower as a pilot and would request a demonstration when put in operation;
  4. The committee supports continued investigation and pilot trials of battery technology within current procurement budgets were possible.

The amendment was put and carried becoming the recommendation, the recommendation was put and carried.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Beatty/Nash)

THAT:

1. A report be presented to council on appropriate Carbon Emissions Targets upon council resolving either to proceed or not proceed with the proposed Mid-Scale Solar Project. This report should include analysis of potential carbon offsets to reduce CO2 emission impacts;
2. A future report be on the development of an Electric Vehicle Transition plan for council including likely budget requirements be presented to council;
3. The committee notes the information regarding the procurement of an electric mower as a pilot and would request a demonstration when put in operation;
4. The committee supports continued investigation and pilot trials of battery technology within current procurement budgets were possible.

EIE 22/27 Carried

**ITEM - 5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORT**

**Proceedings in Brief**

A discussion was held regarding the viability and sustainability of the Yeoval Transfer Station.

Clr Batten communicated the importance of community consultation in regards to any future plans for the Yeoval Transfer Station.

Clr Rawson expressed his support for the suggestions made within the report in regards to the Yeoval Transfer Station.

Clr Rawson suggested that a councillor tour of a waste stream may be beneficial to the ability of council to educate the broader communities in regards to waste management and reduction.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Beatty)

THAT:

1. The information be noted;
2. A future report be provided to the committee on investigation of voucher system and feedback from community consultation in regards to future plans for the Yeoval Transfer Station.

EIE 22/28 Carried

**ITEM - 6 MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS DRAFT MINUTES  
AND NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Proceedings in Brief**

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Services provided the committee with a briefing on the evolution and the role of the Energy & Mining Related Council.

Clr Batten advised of the following key points from the Mining & Energy Related Committee meeting held on 2 September 2022;

1. Push from Orange City Council to access funding from MERC that they are not eligible for as the Cadia mine is not within their Local Government Area.
2. Report from Minerals Council – reduction in number of coal mines. Challenges that they are facing include methane emissions, underground emissions
3. Strong focus on renewable energy zones. Transmission lines for Dubbo. View for being online by 2026/27. This will have an impact on housing and Cabonne could see a demand for regular accommodation.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT the information contained in the report be noted.

EIE 22/29 Carried

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**ITEM - 1 CARRYING OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION INTO CLOSED  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Beatty/Nash)

THAT the committee now hereby resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential nature relating to personnel or industrial matters, personal finances and matters which the publicity of which the Committee considers would be prejudicial to the Council or the individual concerned and that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the conditions of Council's Confidentiality

Policy AND FURTHER that as reports to the Closed Committee of the Whole are likely to be confidential and their release prejudicial to the public interest and the provisions of Council's confidentiality policy, that copies of these reports not be made available to the press and public.

EIE 22/30 Carried

\* **ITEM - 2 MID-SCALE SOLAR PLANT UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the committee:

1. Note the mid-scale solar plant update report.
2. Endorse continuation of the project

EIE 22/31 Carried

**ITEM 3 - REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Beatty/Nash)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Thursday, 15 September 2022 be adopted.

EIE 22/32 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1:08pm.