

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Councillor Peta Pinson (Mayor)  
Councillor Lisa Intemann (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Rob Turner  
Councillor Sharon Griffiths  
Councillor Peter Alley  
Councillor Justin Levido  
Councillor Geoff Hawkins  
Councillor Lee Dixon

**Other Attendees:**

General Manager (Craig Swift-McNair)  
Director Corporate Performance (Rebecca Olsen)  
Director Development and Environment (Melissa Watkins)  
Director Infrastructure (Dan Bylsma)  
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)  
Group Manager Governance (Michael Ferguson)  
Governance and Legal Officer (Kirsty Callander)  
Governance Support Officer (Bronwyn Lyon)  
Communications Manager (Andy Roberts)

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The meeting opened at 5.30pm.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Mayor opened the Meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all in attendance in the Chamber.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

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Nil.

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### **03 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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Councillor Hawkins declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less Than Significant Interest in Item 07.01 - Water Restrictions - Level 4, the reason being that Councillor Hawkins and his wife are Directors, Trustees and Beneficiaries of own self managed superannuation fund which owns shares in several ASX listed public companies that are significantly involved in water processing and purification activities both in Australia and overseas and have no interests in any local business or activities in this area.

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### **REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM**

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The Mayor advised of requests to speak an agenda item as follows:

Item 07.01 - Ms Meredith Howard, Port Pools By Design, in opposition of the recommendation.

Item 07.01 - Mr Jake Wadsworth in support of the recommendation.

Item 07.01 - Mr Brad Dingeldei, Cascade Pools, in opposition of the recommendation.

Item 07.01 - Mr Stephen Healy in support of the recommendation.

*RESOLVED: Griffiths/Dixon*

That the requests to speak on an agenda item be acceded to:

*CARRIED: 8/0*  
*FOR: Alley, Dixon, Griffiths, Hawkins, Intemann, Levido, Pinson and Turner*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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### **07.01 WATER RESTRICTIONS - LEVEL 4**

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Councillor Hawkins declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less Than Significant Interest in this matter and remained in the room during the Council's consideration.

Ms Meredith Howard, Port Pools By Design, addressed Council in relation to water usage in her business, pool building and the quality of water in residential pools and answered questions from Councillors.

Mr Jake Wadsworth addressed Council in support of the recommendation and answered questions from Councillors.

Mr Brad Dingeldei, Cascade Pools, addressed Council in relation to water usage within the pool maintenance industry.

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Mr Stephen Healy addressed Council in support of the recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Intemann left the meeting, the time being 6:21pm.

Deputy Mayor Intemann returned to the meeting, the time being 6:23pm.

*RESOLVED: Pinson/Hawkins*

That Council:

1. Implement Level 4 Severe Water Restrictions in response to continuing intense drought conditions, for residential use on 28 January 2020.
2. Noting the potential significant impacts of Level 4 Severe Water Restrictions on commercial users, delay implementation of Level 4 Severe Water Restrictions on commercial users until 25 February 2020, allowing time for engagement to take place between Council and commercial users on water saving measures that will assist to minimise the economic impact of these water restrictions on businesses.
3. Note that for definition purposes, a commercial user (as referred to in the second point above), is a registered business that relies on the use of water as part of their business activities to produce an income. For businesses who do not rely on water to produce an income, residential water restrictions apply.
4. Request the General Manager provide a report to the 19 February 2020 Council meeting for the purpose of providing an update on the combined water storage levels and any other relevant information relating to the implementation of Level 4 water restrictions.
5. Request the General Manager include in the proposed February 2020 Report on Water Security, specific details as to exactly what Council is required to do under current NSW Government Acts, Policies and Regulations, in order to enable Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to add recycled water to the existing drinking water storage supply.

*CARRIED: 8/0*

*FOR: Alley, Dixon, Griffiths, Hawkins, Intemann, Levido, Pinson and Turner*

*AGAINST: Ni*

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The meeting closed at 6:41pm.

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Peta Pinson  
Mayor